

**Request for Information**

Stonewater Limited

Establishing Data Platform

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# **Introduction**

* 1. **Stonewater**

Our significant and progressive house-building programme aims to build a minimum of 1,500 new homes a year from 2022/23 and we have a good pipeline of development to achieve this, driven by our vision of everyone having the opportunity to have a place that they can call home. We plough our surplus into building new homes, improving our existing housing stock and investing in customer services.

We are also the largest management partner for Legal & General Affordable Homes, supporting the organisation in delivering its ambitious development plan of building 3,000 homes by 2022, by leading on Legal & General's housing operations across England.

We recognise that the way we work matters too. We are committed to providing homes that are energy efficient and are working towards Government's targets for carbon neutrality. Our Environment Strategy helps us minimise the resources we use as an organisation and manage our impact on the environment.

Our talented 800+ employees embody our values – being ambitious, passionate, agile, commercial and ethical. For the second consecutive year we achieved a ‘One Star’ rating in the 2020 Best Companies Top 100 best not-for-profit organisations to work for and made the list for the top 25 best housing sector organisations to work for in the UK.

With an annual turnover of around £191 million and £1.8 billion in assets, Stonewater is a strong, dynamic and well-managed social business, with a long-term rating of A+ by independent credit ratings agency, S&P Global Ratings and a top G1/V1 governance and viability ranking from the Regulator of Social Housing.

* 1. **Background to the Requirement**

We are entering an exciting new phase our digital journey – the establishment of a new data capability. This programme will involve the design and delivery of an Azure Data Platform. We intend this platform to unpin analytical, integrations and wider general data use.

The long term plans in the digitalisation journey will include data warehousing and a ERP Platform

* 1. **Clarifications**

If you have any clarification regarding the contents of this document, please contact Sarah Newton, Procurement Business Partner (sarah.newton@stonewater.org)

# **2.1 Current Position**

Stonewater’s current position is that the data estate is federated providing limited consistency and strategic use of data. The new data capability is been established to drive data driven decision making to maximise the use of our data. The digital journey will ensure that new technical programmes across the organisation are been designed and defined based on this need to deliver insight and value from the data.

# **3.1 Requirement**

3.1.1 A Project Team which gives us the greatest scale of development skills:

* + Potential for off or near shore capability
  + UK based account management support
  + The ability to provide good quality Azure data developers

3.1.2 The base skillsets that we are looking for:

* + Azure Skills and Experience
  + Focus on Data warehouse
  + Data Factory
  + Data Lake
  + Synapse
  + SQL Server
  + Analysis Services
  + PowerBI
  + Power Platform

3.1.3 Potential need for technical capability in the additional following activities based on longer term plans within the organisation:

* + Azure Service Management
  + Periphery Azure Services e.g. Key Vault, PIM
  + Additional Data related services e.g. Event Hub, Service Bus, Stream Analytics, Logic Apps
  + Application related services e.g. Dynamics, Web Functions

# **Replying to the Request for Information**

* 1. **Introduction**

If you are interested in completing the Request for Information please complete section 4.2 to 4.5. If you feel you have additional information on the matter which would be beneficial to Stonewater please feel free to attach as an appendix item to this response.

* 1. **Requirements Review**

Please provide a response against each point in the table below as outlined within section 3, confirming whether you;

- Fully meets requirement

- Partially meets requirement

- Unable to meet requirement

Where a supplier is unable to provide a response that fully meets the requirement stated, more detail is requested in the third column of the table.

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| **Requirement** | **Response** | **Additional Comments** |
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* 1. **Indicative Costs**

Using the information supplied about Stonewater’s requirement, suppliers are asked to provide potential contract costs. Costs provided are only indicative and will not be assessed as part of any future tender.

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| **Details -** *Insert types of costs, dependent on the project* | **Costs (ex VAT.)** | **Comments** |
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| **Total** |  |  |

* 1. **Indicative Timescales**

Interested parties are required to provide a high level estimate for the delivery of Stonewater’s requirement based on the information provided in this document.

* 1. **References**

Interested parties are required to provide three examples from within the past 2 years of projects delivered that match Stonewater’s requirements.

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