

OFFICER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION AND PLACE

KEY DECISION YES

DIRECTORATE: REGENERATION AND PLACE

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT: AWARD OF LIFTING EQUIPMENT CONTRACTS

1.0 DECISION

1.1 The Director of Regeneration and Place has decided to approve the award of the following contracts for a range of lifting and other equipment to enable disabled and vulnerable residents within Wirral to remain living independently in their homes for a 3-year period with the option for a further 2 x 12 month extensions and on the basis, in each case, of being the Most Economically Advantageous Tenderer

- Lot 1 Straight Stair lifts, to Stannah Lift Services Limited;
- Lot 2 Curved Stair Lifts, Stannah Lift Services Limited;
- Lot 3 Ceiling Track Hoists, to Prism UK Medical Ltd;
- Lot 4 Through Floor Lifts, to Terry Group Ltd;
- Lot 5 Step Lifts, to Terry Group Ltd; and
- Lot 8 Shower Stretchers, to Prism UK Medical Ltd

2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

2.1 The Council has a statutory duty to deliver Disabled Facilities Grants and over several years has delivered this assistance and developed discretionary assistance to enable disabled adults and children to remain living at home, to promote independence and an excellent quality of life, prevent carer breakdown, enable hospital discharge and to help reduce the dependence on other more expensive solutions such as residential and nursing care.

- 2.2 Housing Committee on 2nd March 2022 approved a tender exercise for the Councils Disabled Facilities Grant Funded equipment contract that was due to expire of 31st December 2022. The existing contract was extended until 31st March 2023 to allow time for the award of new contracts which could run for a period of up to 5 years (3yrs with an option for a further 2 x 12-month extensions).
- 2.3 Members also approved that delegated authority be given to the Director of Regeneration and Place to award the contract for the services within approved budget and to the highest scoring tenderer in accordance with the Most Economically Advantageous Tender criteria.
- 2.4 The tender exercise has been completed with the recommendation to appoint contractors for 6 of the 8 lots that were included in the tendering processes. The Council will need to re-tender for lots 6 and 7 due to unsatisfactory submissions.

3.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

- 3.1 The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 4.1 There were no declarations of interest.



Signed:

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A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

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