REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH

ABSTRACT

This report advises Committee of the need for a contract for the Provision of Support Services for Adults with Mental Health Problems. The report details the response received to the advertisement seeking expressions of interest from potential providers and requests approval for the Director of Social Work and Health to issue tender documents to providers who have responded to the advertisement and who have met the requirements of the pre-qualification questionnaire.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work and Health Committee:-

i) notes the contents of this report;

ii) agrees to the issuing of tender documents to those providers who have expressed interest in tendering and who have met the requirements of the pre-qualification questionnaire;

iii) instructs the Director of Social Work and Health to report back to the Committee on tenders received.

2 INTRODUCTION

Mental Health Services in Angus are delivered on a partnership basis with NHS Tayside. Services are delivered across 4 levels:

Level 1 - Services to individuals to enable them to access mainstream community services. These services are based around promoting independence and self help.

Level 2 - Psychological therapies that are accessed mainly through an individual’s GP.

Level 3 - Specialist community mental health services that support people with severe and enduring mental health problems.

Level 4 - Specialist mental health inpatient services.

Level 1 service provide support to individuals to enable them to maintain, rediscover or try social activities, pursue educational interests and aspirations, and remain in or return to work. Level 1 services provide the stepping stone required to enable individuals, if they choose, to undertake a fully participatory life within their community and society.
Over the past year a commissioning strategy for level 1 services has been developed by NHS Tayside and Angus Council in partnership with the representatives from voluntary sector, service users and carers. This strategy highlights the need to ensure that level 1 services promote independence, inclusion, recovery and mental wellbeing for all individuals who use these services. Whilst level 1 mental health services in Angus have historically been successful in supporting individuals to remain in the community there is now a need to ensure that these services have a greater emphasis on promoting independence and social inclusion.

As part of the review of adult mental health services, NHS Tayside has provided additional funding to enhance Level 1 services in Angus. Given this additional funding and the need to change the focus of service provision it necessary to tender for new services that will replace some of the existing level 1 provision.

The new contract for the provision of the level one services; namely for the Provision of Support Services for Adults with Mental Health Problems, comprises 2 discrete projects:

- **Employment, education and training services** – to assist people into work, education and training; and

- **Services to provide support for daily living, recreation and leisure** – to support people to attend mainstream community based services, eg leisure centres, art groups etc and encourage existing community services to be more socially inclusive.

An advertisement requesting responses from providers wishing to tender for the contract for the Provision of Support Services for Adults with Mental Health Problems was placed on Angus Council’s website.

Seven responses were received and a pre-qualification questionnaire was issued to each provider. Five providers completed and returned the questionnaire.

A list of those providers who returned completed pre-qualification questionnaires and met the requirements of the pre-qualification questionnaire is attached as Appendix A.

A list of those providers who requested a pre-qualification questionnaire but did not return the questionnaire is attached as Appendix B.

3 PROPOSAL

It is proposed that tender documents are issued to those providers who have returned completed pre-qualification questionnaires and have met the requirements of the pre-qualification questionnaire (Appendix A).

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

The estimated value of the contract for the potential 5 year duration is £1,327,284. This is based on the estimated annual value of the contract for the financial year 2008/09 of £250,000 being increased yearly by an estimated uplift of 3%.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications arising as a result of the recommendations contained in this report.
6 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

The issues dealt with in this Report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required.

7 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services, the Head of Finance and the Head of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8 CONCLUSION

A contract for the Provision of Support Services for Adults with Mental Health Problems is required. This report seeks committee approval for the issuing of tender documents to the providers who returned completed pre-qualification questionnaires and have met the requirements of the pre-qualification questionnaire.

The issue of tender documents to these providers will provide the competition required by the Financial Regulations of the Council, the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the EU Public Procurement Rules and will ensure best value in the procurement of Level One services.

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NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.
Providers who have completed the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire for the Contract for the Provision of Support Services for Adults with Mental Health Problems and have met the eligibility criteria:

- **Angus Mental Health Association**, Lindsay Street, Arbroath, DD11 1RP
- **Augment**, Angus Community Enterprise, 24A Strathairlie Avenue, Arbroath, DD11 1LN
- **Penumbra**, Norton Park, 57 Albion Road, Edinburgh, EH7 5QY
- **Rowan Alba Ltd**, 89-95 Fountain Bridge, Edinburgh, EH3 9PU
- **Scottish Association for Mental Health**, 15 Carlton Court, Glasgow, G5 9JP
Providers who had requested but did not return the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire for the Contract for the Provision of Support Services for Adults with Mental Health Problems:

- **Carr-Gorm Scotland**, Craigmillar Social Enterprise and Arts Centre, 11 Harewood Road, Edinburgh, EH16 4NT

- **Enable Scotland**, Unit 46, Fountain Business Centre, Coatbridge, ML5 3AA