

## **Flexible Purchasing Framework for Social Care Supports – Award approved etc.**

**6** There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer of Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP) regarding the tenders received for the Flexible Framework Agreement for Social Care Support,

- (1) advising that
  - (a) the Framework would replace the current 2019 Social Work Framework for Selected Purchased Social Care Supports (“2019 Framework”) at its expiry on the 31st January 2026 and the 2026 Framework had been structured to support GCHSCP’s access to Social Care that would ensure fair and equitable access to social care support;
  - (b) the tender opportunity was advertised on Public Contracts Scotland, Public Contracts Scotland Tender and UK Find a Tender Service on 5th June 2025 for an initial contract term of four years with an option to extend the contract for one or two consecutive periods not exceeding twelve months in each case and the total advertised contract value including potential extensions was £600m;
  - (c) the tender was divided into 6 Lots, namely Care Group Older People (Lot 1), Care Group Learning Disability (Lot 2), Care Group Physical Disability (Lot 3), Care Group Mental Health (Lot 4), Care Group Children and Young People (Lot 5) and Lot 6 was for the provision of social care supports for individuals with multiple support needs and who the Council had determined required bespoke support that could not be met within the Framework Lots 1-5; and
  - (d) a total of 87 bids were received and assessed against exclusion and selection criteria, quality and commercial criteria, with some bidders bidding for more than one Lot; and
- (2) detailing
  - (a) in Appendix 1 of the report, the unsuccessful bidders not awarded to any of the Lots on the Framework; and
  - (b) in Appendix 2 of the report, the bidders awarded to the Framework, but not for every Lot for which they submitted a bid.

After consideration, the committee

- (i) approved the award to the Flexible Framework Agreement for Social Care Support to the bidders referenced in Section 3 of the report for an initial period of 4 years from a services start date of 1st February 2026, with the option to extend in accordance with the contract for one or two consecutive periods each not exceeding twelve months; and

(ii) noted that

- (A) continuance of contractual arrangements would be subject to satisfactory service review outcomes being achieved; and
- (B) the Council may re-open the Framework once a year, on the anniversary of the commencement date, for the duration of the contract including the period of the available extensions.