

Bolsover District Council

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Derbyshire Careline

Report of the Portfolio Member for Housing and IT

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Purpose of the Report

- To update members on the progress of the lifeline monitoring projects
- To ask members to agree to enter a collaborative agreement with Derbyshire County Council, Chesterfield Borough Council and South Derbyshire District Council
- To agree to award the Contract for the replacement of alarm monitoring equipment to Jontek Ltd.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 As members will be aware, the Housing Department has been working with South Derbyshire District Council and Chesterfield Borough Council to develop a countywide service to offer lifeline monitoring to customers across Derbyshire.
- 1.2 This project has been in discussion since 2012, but with a proposed start date of April 2016 in now gaining momentum.
- 1.3 There have been two recent developments that require member approval.
- 1.4 The first of these is the form of agreement between the parties (ie DCC, BDC, CBC and SDDC) previous advice had been that this needed to involve setting up two companies to deal with customers, one trading company and one Teckal compliant company
- 1.5 However, more recent legal advice has been that such an agreement may be subject to legal challenge and that a collaboration agreement would be the most appropriate type of agreement.
- 1.6 A draft collaborative agreement is included as the appendix. Although this is a draft, early version, it outlines the basis of the information that will be within the final agreement.
- 1.7 Members are asked to agree to the principle of a collaborative agreement. And to grant a delegated power to the Council Solicitor to sign the final agreement after consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing.

- 1.8 The second development has been in the procurement of the replacement monitoring equipment for Central Control. The Council have, in conjunction with CBC and SDDC have been through an exercise to jointly procure this equipment.
- 1.9 The tender process involved the joint procurement unit and was run through a framework agreement arranged by the Northern Housing Consortium.
- 1.10 Two contractors submitted bids, and the results of the tender exercise are shown below,.



		Assisted Living		
The Derbyshire Careline Partnership		Lots 1&2		
		Quality	Price	Total % Achieved
Name of Bidder		50%	50%	
Jontek Ltd		47.00%	50.00%	97.00%
Contractor B		43.00%	42.75%	85.75%

- 1.11 The total cost of the new equipment is £170,950. This is split equally between the three authorities. The Bolsover contribution to this is £56,700. This is below the estimates cost and can be funded from existing reserves.
- 1.12 Members are asked to agree to award the contract for the provision of Monitoring equipment to Jontek limited. However, no formal agreement will be made until collaborative agreement is agreed.
- 1.13 That subject to the agreement of the collaborative agreement the JAD Community Safety and Head of Housing is given delegated powers to enter into the contract with Jontek Ltd.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Council needs to enter into an agreement with partners
- 2.2 That there is a very tight timescale to install the equipment ready for a go live date of April 2016
- 2.3 That the Council would be open to high level of risk if it chose to award the monitoring equipment contract before finalising the agreement with partners.
- 2.4 That giving delegated powers to officers, the project can be progressed more quickly to meet the April 2016 timescales

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

3.1 None directly

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 As outlined in the report

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

Finance as covered in report. Risk is minimised by this option

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

Not directly, however the preferred contractor has demonstrated their commitment to data protection.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

Not directly.

6 Recommendations

6.1 That members agree the principle of entering into a collaborative agreement with CBC, DDC and SDDC for the purpose of providing a Derbyshire Careline Service.

6.2 That the Assistant Director – Governance and Monitoring Officer is given delegated powers to enter into the content of the agreement following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing.

6.3 That Jontek Ltd are recognised as the preferred supplier of alarm monitoring equipment

6.4 That the Assistant Director - Community Safety and Head of Housing is given delegated powers to enter into the contract with Jontek, however this is conditional on recommendation 6.2 being resolved.

7 Decision Information

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	Yes
District Wards Affected	All

Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	C 16 - Agree a project with Derbyshire County Council and other stock retaining authorities to deliver alarm monitoring to 12,000 people county wide by April 2016.
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8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
1	Draft collaboration agreement.
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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