

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: JOINT EXTRA CARE HOUSING MANAGEMENT BOARD

Date of Meeting: 7 September 2010
Report of: Lynn Glendenning, Commissioning Manager
Subject/Title: Resource Needs for Round 5

1.0 Report Summary

1.1 This report is to inform the Board of the likely resource implications should the Round 5 Extra Care Housing bid receive approval.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That the resource implications be agreed by the Board.

2.2 That the Board agree to the procurement of financial, legal and technical advisors on receipt from the HCA of the date that the Councils and Treasury Project Review Group will meet to discuss the Councils' submission. This is prior to any offer being made to the Councils by the Treasury or the respective Councils consideration of the affordability of the project and acceptance of an offer if it is made.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 To ensure that should the bid be successful the necessary resources are in place to take the project forward.

3.2 To enable the timely procurement of advisors to assist with the tendering procedures.

4.0 Wards Affected

4.1 Poynton and Sandbach East & Rode in Cheshire East.

4.2 Blacon and Sutton & Manor, (Ellesmere Port) in Cheshire West and Chester.

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 Poynton – Cllr Roger West, Cllr Chris Beard, Cllr Howard Murray
Sandbach East & Rode – Cllr Elsie Alcock, Cllr Rhoda Bailey,
Cllr Andrew Barrett

5.2 Blacon – Cllr Reggie Jones, Cllr Marie Nelson, Cllr Alex Tate
Sutton & Manor (Ellesmere Port) – Cllr Kimberley Anderson, Cllr Bob Crompton,
Cllr Paul Donovan

6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health

6.1 The proposed schemes will assist in addressing the significant demographic shift toward the over 65 population in Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester.

7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 Budgets have already been identified by both Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester to cover the engagement of financial, legal and technical consultants.

8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

8.1 It is possible to procure external legal advisors in the timescales outlined in the Project Plan.

8.2 Procuring external legal advisors will require significant internal legal resource prior to any determination by the Councils as to the affordability of the project or a decision to accept any offer made by the Treasury.

9.0 Risk Management

9.1 Costs will be incurred by the Councils in the procurement of advisors. Should the bid not be successful these internal costs would not be recoverable. No commitment will be given to advisors until the success of the bid is confirmed by HM Treasury.

10.0 Background and Options

10.1 A project plan has been developed showing the staff resources that would be required by the Councils to implement the tender process for the PFI project (see Appendices A & B). The time shown is inclusive of work that will be delivered by advisors. The time shown for Cheshire West and Chester is indicative. As Cheshire East are leading on the project Cheshire West and Chester can agree the level of involvement that they feel is appropriate.

10.2 The authority will be given 12 weeks notice from Homes and Communities Agency of the meeting with the HM Treasury Project Review Group to discuss the bid. Once the date is established it is the intention to commence procurement of advisors.

11.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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