

PROCUREMENT GATEWAY I – BUSINESS CASE

Transition Support for Young People into EET



Contact Details

I confirm the Business Case is policy compliant, affordable, value for money and has been fully risk assessed.

Responsible Officer:	John Bale
Job Title:	Leadership Advisor (Post 16 Provision & Funding)
Service:	Transition Support for young people into EET
Directorate:	Education Participation and Skills

Procurement Details

Project Value:	3 years @ 584,347 p.a. = Total value of £1,753,041
Timescale:	Completed by 31 st December 2020

Project Information

The Local Authority working with its partners is responsible for ensuring that young people are able to access Pathways to Employment and are supported appropriately through their journey to adulthood.

There are a number of statutory duties placed on Local Authorities in England to support the transition of vulnerable young people into adulthood and into employment.

These duties include the following:-

Transition Support for young people with SEND - Responsibility for Education, Health and Care Plans for some learners and enabling Young People and families to make the transition between different stages of education and training

Identification, Tracking and Monitoring - establishing the identities of all young people who are failing to participate Post 16, or are at risk of not participating, and must target resources to those that need it most. Local authorities are expected to work with schools to identify, as early as possible, those who are in need of this targeted support, work together on transition arrangements and refer to specialist services as appropriate.

NEETs and other Vulnerable Groups - Local Authorities are responsible for vulnerable Young People who are at risk of not engaging in education or training.

Local Authorities also have a duty to ensure that there is sufficient suitable education and training provision for all young people aged 16-18 in their areas. For young people with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP) this duty is extended up to their 25th birthday. Ensuring that the authority promotes the effective participation in education or training by young people over the age of 16, in line with the raising of the participation age (RPA).

CSW Group Ltd deliver services to meet the needs described above for the Peninsula Local Authorities. The service has been commissioned since 2015 having been awarded the contract through a competitive tender process. Prior to this date CSW Group Ltd delivered the service as a Local Authority owned Teckal exempt company from 2008.

The company continue to provide value for money and deliver the targeted support for vulnerable young people moving into Post 16 education, employment and training. The tracking of the cohort provides valuable, reliable data for strategic decision-making and the individual support offered to the young people ensures they are making informed choices regarding their future careers.

Over the last year, extensive work has been carried out with the company by the Peninsula Authorities who are the owners and it is now Teckal compliant meaning that there is no need to competitively tender the service. The intention is to carry out due diligence checks with the company and to issue a clear specification to ensure that the service continues to be directed to meet the identified needs.

Objectives

The Service will achieve the following outcomes:

- Young People are able to make informed choices about Education, Employment and Training (EET) opportunities;
- Young People are supported to overcome barriers to participation in EET which meets RPA requirements and to make smooth transitions;
- Young People's participation in Education Employment and Training is raised in a way which meets requirements for participation under RPA – this includes addressing in partnership those in jobs without training and those engaged in activities that do not meet requirements.
- Young People are supported to remain engaged in sustainable post 16 education employment or training, with a particular emphasis on engagement in learning to meet RPA requirements. Post 16 providers to inform the supplier of potential early leavers and invite to review meetings where appropriate.

The Supplier will also work in partnership with key services providing support to Young People, as a key partner in integrated services for Young People to enable Young People to have:

- Increased aspirations;
- Increased resilience,
- Reduced vulnerability.

Scope

The supplier will provide both a targeted at risk of NEET service as well as providing support to those who are NEET or in other vulnerable groups

The work will be divided into 4 key areas:-

- a) Identification, monitoring and tracking of the young people who are EET and NEET
- b) Transition Support for young people with SEND
- c) Targeted at risk of NEET service
- d) Targeted NEETs service

CSW Group Ltd will work in partnership with the full range of specialist services for Young People, with the aim of supporting the young person to overcome barriers to participation and to develop increased aspirations and resilience. CSW Group Ltd will work with parents and carers of vulnerable Young People to ensure they are aware of the options for their Young People and can support them in making informed choices. They will also work with a full range of services including Schools, FE Colleges, Youth Service, Youth Offending Service (YOS), Social Work, Health, Adult Services, Inclusion Services and Voluntary Sector partners.

Constraints


The current contract concludes on 31st December 2020. There has been a delay in the process, which has been caused due to the delay in establishing the Teckal status of the company following the lockdown earlier in the year.

Recommended Decision

It is recommended that the Head of Service:

- Approves this Business Case
- Awards the contract for three years to CSW Group Ltd

Authorisation of Business Case

Head of Service	
Name:	Judith Harwood
Job Title:	Director Education, Participation and Skills
Additional Comments (Optional):	
Signature:	
Date:	23.11.2020

Procurement Service

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