

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Short term taxi journey purchase off framework
Date of decision:	27.09.17
Decision maker:	Assistant Director Commissioning and Transformation (Adults and wellbeing)
Authority for delegated decision:	A directorate scheme of delegation 14 - Determination of unmet need under the Care Act- Assistant Director AWB Operations.
Ward:	Ross On Wye
Consultation:	Statutory consultation with those affected
Decision made:	Decision to award a short term contract to purchase a taxi for 2 learning disabled adults, up to an 8 week period for a total of £270 per week, at a maximum total of £2,160. Daz's taxis have been procured to deliver this work.
Reasons for decision:	The transportation team went through the Councils processes to seek a supplier to deliver this work via the transport framework. However providers have not been able to respond to requests for these specific journeys and as such the Councils procurement procedures have been followed. Transport is required to enable these individuals to gain access to services to meet assessed eligible social care needs. The value of the work being procured is under £5,000 and based around demonstrating best value including service user needs and their wishes, this complies with section 4.6.10 of the contract procedure rules.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The Councils transport team has not been able to seek a provider within the framework who can provide this service. In order for the Council to meet its legal obligations in respect of eligible social care needs, off framework options needed to be sought. Section 1 part one of the tender documents for the transport framework is as follows;- 2.3 The information set out within this document does not commit the Council to any specific course of action; to award a Contract pursuant to the process nor does it constitute an offer to enter into a contractual relationship. The Council does not undertake to accept any response / proposal, in whole or in part. Quotes have been sought to gain best value and safeguarding mechanisms are in place. This provision is required for a short term period only, whilst Direct Payments are being set up, then the individuals will purchase the provision direct.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	To not provide transport would mean that service users with assessed eligible social care needs could not get to the social care services. Alternative ways of meeting social care needs have been explored but individual choice is the overarching factor within the care act 2014.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed..... Date: