

APPENDIX 1

OPERATING THE FRAMEWORK

1. It is recommended that contract award be delegated to the Strategic Director for Strategy and Commissioning in consultation with the Supporting People Commissioning Body.
2. Once established the framework agreement will create a list of providers for each of the service areas and service types who could be approached when services needed to be commissioned.
3. It is envisaged that these lists will be ranked on the basis of the full tender evaluation scoring. This would enable a number of methods to be adopted around operating the framework and 'call off' (i.e. commissioning to contract) from the framework.
4. When a service is required the Council can:
 - Approach the highest ranked provider and request the required service to be delivered on the pricing terms specified under the framework, and then agree to contract with the provider.
 - Conduct a mini competition involving all providers in the service category where some clarification on service delivery is needed or where TUPE applies and revised pricing including TUPE is required.
5. The framework agreement will specify an obligation on the part of providers accepted onto it to provide services the Council requests from them. There will however be no obligation on the Council to 'call off' services from the framework or guarantee providers a given volume or value of work.
6. It is recommended the Council collaborates with LB Lewisham to create a joint framework agreement. The local operation of the framework would remain separate and driven by local p by the individual boroughs need to commission particular services and at the point of call off locally agreed contracts would be issued and performance managed by the borough concerned.