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Dear Sirs

**SMC 001: SHROPSHIRE COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

You have been invited to tender for the above requirement. With this letter please find copies of the following documents:

1. Instructions for Tendering
2. Shropshire Council General Terms and Conditions
3. Tender Specification
4. Tender Response Document
5. Return Label

Tenders should be made on the enclosed Tender Specification and Response Document. **One hard copy** and **one CD copy** of your Tender Response Document must be completed, signed and returned together with a signed copy of the 'Instructions for Tendering'. You are recommended to keep a copy of all tender documents and supporting documents for your own records.

Please pay particular attention to the points below concerning the returning of tenders.

Returning of Tenders

- The deadline for returning tenders is **noon on 31 January 2013**, any tenders received after this time will not be accepted
- Tenders must be returned to the **Democratic Services Manager, Legal and Democratic Services, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND**
- Tenders must be returned in **plain envelope(s)/packaging using the label provided**. Tender packaging must have **no other markings or writing** apart from the label provided
- Tenderers should **not use their company franking machine** and should check if returning their tenders via Royal Mail or a courier to ensure that **no marks identifying you** are placed on the envelope
- Tenders can be delivered any time before the due date, tenders are kept in a secure place and are not opened until after the designated time for receipt
- Tenders can be delivered by hand to the North Entrance Reception at the address given above prior to the deadline

Tenders **cannot** be accepted if:

- Tenders are received by facsimilie or email
- Tenders are received after **12 noon on the given deadline**
- Tenders bear any marks identifying the tenderer

Freedom of Information

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 from 1 January 2005, the public (included in this are private companies, journalists, etc.) have a general right of access to information held by public authorities. Information about your organisation, which Shropshire Council may receive from you may be subject to disclosure, in response to a request, unless one of the various statutory exemptions applies.

Therefore if you provide any information to Shropshire Council in the expectation that it will be held in confidence, you must make it clear in your documentation as to the information to which you consider a duty of confidentiality applies. The use of blanket protective markings such as "commercial in confidence" will no longer be appropriate and a clear indication as to what material is to be considered confidential and why should be given.

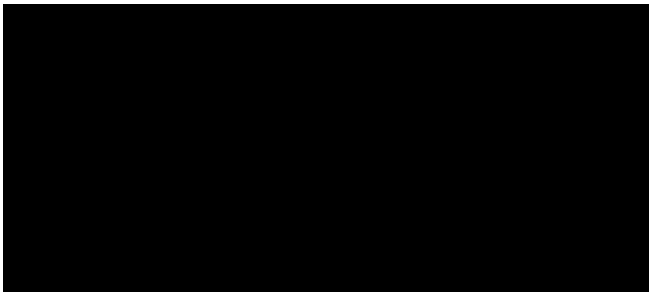
Other Details

Please note that if supplementary questions are raised by any tenderer prior to the closing of tenders and Shropshire Council decides that the answers help to explain or clarify the information given in the Tender Documents, then both the questions and the answers will be circulated to all enterprises invited to submit a tender.

As part of its sustainability policy, Shropshire Council encourages tenderers to minimise packaging, particularly presentational or retail packaging.

If you have any queries relating to this invitation to tender, please contact me on telephone number 01743 253795

Yours faithfully



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR TENDERING

***SMC 001: Shropshire Community
Support for children with
disabilities***

Shropshire Council Instructions for tendering

Contract Description:

**Community Support Service for children with disabilities
(After school, weekend and holiday activity)**

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1.0 Invitation to Tender

- 1.1** You are invited to tender for the provision of **Shropshire Community Support for children with disabilities** as detailed in the Tender Response Document. The contract will be for an initial period of **two years** commencing on the **1 April 2013** with the option to extend by one year.
- 1.2** Tenders are to be submitted in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions of Shropshire Council and the instructions outlined within this document.
- 1.3** Tenders must be submitted in accordance with the following instructions. Tenders not complying in any particular way may be rejected by Shropshire Council (the Council) whose decision in the matter shall be final. Persons proposing to submit a Tender are advised to read the Invitation to Tender documentation carefully to ensure that they are fully familiar with the nature and extent of the obligations to be accepted by them if their Tender is accepted.
- 1.4** The Invitation to Tender documents must be treated as private and confidential. Tenderers should not disclose the fact that they have been invited to tender or release details of the Invitation to tender document other than on an “in confidence” basis to those who have a legitimate need to know or who they need to consult for the purpose of preparing the tender as further detailed in these Instructions for Tendering.
- 1.5** Tenderers shall not at any time release information concerning the invitation to tender and/or the tender documents for publication in the press or on radio, television, screen or any other medium without the prior consent of the Council.
- 1.6** The fact that a Tenderer has been invited to submit a tender does not necessarily mean that it has satisfied the Council regarding any matters raised in the pre-tender questionnaire submitted. The Council makes no representations regarding the Tenderer’s financial stability, technical competence or ability in any way to carry out the required services. The right to return to any matter raised in any pre-tender questionnaire submitted as part of the formal tender evaluation is hereby reserved by the Council.
- 1.7** The Invitation to Tender is issued on the basis that nothing contained in it shall constitute an inducement or incentive nor shall have in any other way persuaded a tenderer to submit a tender or enter into a Contract or any other contractual agreement.

2.2 Terms and Conditions

- 2.1** Every Tender received by the Council shall be deemed to have been made subject to the General Terms and Conditions and these Instructions for Tendering unless the Council shall previously have expressly agreed in writing to the contrary.
- 2.2** The Tenderer is advised that in the event of their Tender being accepted by the Council, they will be required to undertake the required services.

3.0 Preparation of Tenders

3.1 Completing the Tender Response Document

3.1.1 Tenders should be submitted using the 'Tender Response Document' following the instructions given at the front of the document. The Tenderer's attention is specifically drawn to the date and time for receipt of Tenders and that no submission received after the closing time will be considered.

3.1.2 All documents requiring a signature must be signed;

- a) Where the Tenderer is an individual, by that individual;
- b) Where the Tenderer is a partnership, by two duly authorised partners;
- c) Where the Tenderer is a company, by two directors or by a director and the secretary of the company, such persons being duly authorised for the purpose.

3.1.3 The Invitation to Tender Documents are and shall remain the property and copyright of the Council

3.2 Tender Preparation and Costs

3.2.1 It shall be the responsibility of Tenderers to obtain for themselves at their own expense all information necessary for the preparation of their Tender. No claim arising out of want of knowledge will be accepted. Any information supplied by the Council (whether in the Tender Documentation or otherwise) is supplied only for general guidance in the preparation of tenders.

3.2.2 Any Tenderer considering making the decision to enter into a contractual relationship with the Council must make an independent assessment of the Tender opportunity after making such investigation and taking such professional advice as it deems necessary.

3.2.3 Tenderers will be deemed for all purposes connected with their Tender submission where appropriate to have visited and inspected the Council, its assets, all the locations in respect of the delivery of the services/supplies/works and to have satisfied themselves sufficiently as to the nature, extent and character of the services supplies/works sought, and the human resources, materials, software, equipment, machinery, and other liabilities and other matters which will be required to perform the contract.

3.2.4 The Council will not be liable for any costs incurred by Tenderers in the preparation or presentation of their tenders.

3.2.5 Tenderers are required to complete all pricing schedules in the Invitation to tender documents. The terms "Nil" and "included" are not to be used but a zero or figures must be inserted against each item. Unit rates and prices must be quoted in pounds sterling and whole new pence.

3.2.6 It shall be the Tenderer's responsibility to ensure that all calculations and prices in the Tender documentation are correct at the time of submission.

- 3.2.7** The Tenderer is deemed to have made him/herself acquainted with the Council's requirements and tender accordingly. Should the Tenderer be in any doubt regarding the true meaning and intent of any element of the specification he is invited to have these fully resolved before submitting his Tender. No extras will be allowed for any loss or expense involved through any misunderstanding arising from his/her failure to comply with this requirement.
- 3.2.8** Any Tender error or discrepancy identified by the Council shall be drawn to the attention of the Tenderer who will be given the opportunity to correct, confirm or withdraw the Tender.
- 3.2.9** The Tender Documents must be treated as private and confidential. Tenderers should not disclose the fact that they have been invited to tender or release details of the Tender document other than on an In Confidence basis to those who have a legitimate need to know or whom they need to consult for the purpose of preparing the Tender.

3.3 Parent Company Guarantee

It is a condition of contract that if the tendering company is a subsidiary then its Ultimate Group/Holding Company must guarantee the performance of this contract and provide a letter to that effect signed by a duly authorised signatory of the Ultimate Group/Holding Company.

3.4 Warranty

The Tenderer warrants that all the information given in their Tender and if applicable their Request to Participate Questionnaire is true and accurate. The information provided will be deemed to form part of any contract formed under this contract.

The Tenderer warrants that none of their current Directors have been involved in liquidation or receivership or have any criminal convictions

4.0 Tender Submission

- 4.1** Tenders must be submitted strictly in accordance with the letter of instruction accompanying this Invitation to Tender using the label provided. Tenders must be submitted by the deadline of **noon, 31 January 2013. One hard copy and one CD copy of your Tender Response Document must be returned.**
- 4.2** No unauthorised alteration or addition should be made to the Specification and Tender Response Document, or to any other component of the Tender document. If any such alteration is made, or if these instructions are not fully complied with, the Tender may be rejected.
- 4.3** Qualified tenders may be submitted, but the Council reserves the right not to accept any such tender. The Council's decision on whether or not a Tender is acceptable will be final.
- 4.4** Tenderers should note that their Tender must remain open and valid and capable of acceptance for a period of at least 90 days.
- 4.5** Tenderers should note that Tenders and supporting documents must be written in

English and that any subsequent contract, which may or may not be entered into, its formation, interpretation and performance, shall be subject to and in accordance with the laws of England and subject to the jurisdiction of the Courts of England and Wales.

- 4.6 Where Tender submissions are incomplete the Council reserves the right not to accept them.

5.0 **Variant Bids**

- 5.1 The Council is interested in alternative solutions which would provide and develop opportunities for savings in service costs, service improvement or other financial benefits. In particular, the Council wishes to encourage solutions which also deliver benefits and added value to the local economy, residents and the business community.

- 5.2 Tenderers may submit, at their discretion, a Tender offering a different approach to the project as a "Variant Bid". However, to permit comparability, at least one bid must be submitted strictly in accordance with the Invitation to Tender Documents (the "Compliant Tender"). Any Tender variant proposed must clearly state how it varies from the requirements of the Compliant Tender Documents, and be explicit in demonstrating the benefits that will accrue to the Council from adopting this approach. Tenderers will be required to identify which submission, in their view, demonstrates best value to the Council.

- 5.3 Variant Bids must contain sufficient financial and operational detail to allow any Variant Bid to be compared with the standard Tender, permitting its considerations in written form.

6.0 **The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) regulations 2006**

- 6.1 Tenderers should note that the Employee 'Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations '2006 ('TUPE') will apply to this contract. Also compliance with the provisions in relation to Local Authority Pensions will also be required. Tenderers are advised to seek their own legal advice about the practicality of these regulations and should reflect the financial implications of such a transfer in their tender submissions.

- 6.2 Details of employees of companies/and of the Council who are currently carrying out the work that is included in the Contract will be sought. Tenderers should note, however, that where the Council provides information to them for the purposes of TUPE, such information may originate from a third party. As the Council has no control over the compilation of such third party information, the Council gives no guarantee or assurance as to the accuracy or completeness of such information and cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions in it.

7.0 **Tender Evaluation**

- 7.1 Applications will be scored on February 6th, 2013. The Council may wish to interview applicants. Should this be the case, the date set for this is Monday, 11 February 2013, from 10:00 – 14:00. (venue to be confirmed).

7.2 The Tenderers may be called for interview to seek clarification of their tender or additional or supplemental information in relation to their tender. The presentations will not carry any weighting to the final score achieved by Tenderers, but will be used to clarify and moderate issues raised in the Tenderer's submissions. Any areas of discrepancy between submissions and information gained from the presentations will be reviewed and scores previously awarded will be amended if necessary.

7.3 If the Council suspects that there has been an error in the pricing of a Tender, the Council reserves the right to seek such clarification, as it considers necessary from the Tenderer in question.

8.0 Clarifications

8.1 Tenderers are responsible for clarifying any aspects of the tendering process and/or the Invitation to Tender documents in the manner described below.

8.2 Any queries arising in relation to this invitation to tender should be raised in writing with [REDACTED], Commissioning and Procurement, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, SHREWSBURY SY2 6ND (tel: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]) (fax: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]) (email: procurement@shropshire.gov.uk) quoting the contract reference and title.

8.3 Where appropriate, the Authorised Officer named above may direct the Tenderer to other officers to deal with the matter.

8.4 All queries should be raised as soon as possible (in writing), in any event not later than **27 January 2013**.

8.5 All information or responses that clarify or enhance the tendering process will be supplied to all Tenderers on a uniform basis (unless expressly stated otherwise). These responses shall have the full force of this Instruction and where appropriate the Conditions of Contract. If a Tenderer wishes the Council to treat a question as confidential this must be expressly stated. The Council will consider such requests and will seek to act fairly between the Tenderers, whilst meeting its public law and procurement duties in making its decision.

8.6 Except as directed in writing by the Authorised Officer, and confirmed in writing to a Tenderer, no agent or officer or elected Member (Councillor) of the Council has any express or implied authority to make any representation or give any explanation to Tenderers as to the meaning of any of the Tender Documents, or as to anything to be done or not to be done by a Tenderer or to give any warranties additional to those (if any) contained in the ITT or as to any other matter or thing so as to bind the Council in any way howsoever.

9.0 Continuation of the Procurement Process

9.1 The Council shall not be committed to any course of action as a result of:

- i) issuing this Invitation to Tender;
- ii) communicating with a Tenderer, a Tenderer's representative or agent in respect of this procurement exercise;
- iii) any other communication between the Council (whether directly or through its agents or representatives) and any other party.

9.2 The Council reserves the right at its absolute discretion to amend, add to or withdraw all, or any part of this Invitation to Tender at any time during the tendering stage of this procurement exercise.

9.3 At any time before the deadline for receipt of tender returns the Council may modify the Invitation to Tender by amendment. Any such amendment shall be numbered and dated and issued by the Council to all participating tenderers. In order to give prospective Tenderers reasonable time in which to take the amendment into account in preparing its Tender return, the Council may in its sole discretion, extend the deadline for submission of the tender returns. The Council reserves the right to amend, withdraw, terminate or suspend all or any part of this procurement process at any time at its sole discretion.

10.0 Confidentiality

10.1 All information supplied by the Council in connection with or in these Tender Documents shall be regarded as confidential to the Council unless the information is already within the public domain or subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

10.2 The Contract documents and publications are and shall remain the property of the Council and must be returned upon demand.

10.3 Tenderers shall ensure that each and every sub-contractor, consortium member and/or professional advisor to whom it discloses these papers complies with the terms and conditions of this ITT.

10.4 The contents of this Invitation to Tender are being made available by the Council on condition that:

10.4.1 Tenderers shall at all times treat the contents of the Invitation to tender and any related documents as confidential, save in so far as they are already in the public domain and Tenderers shall not, subject to the provisions relating to professional advisors, sub-contractors or other persons detailed below, disclose, copy, reproduce, distribute or pass any of the contents of the Invitation to tender to any other person at any time or allow any of these things to happen;

10.4.2 Tenderers shall not use any of the information contained in this Invitation to tender for any purpose other than for the purposes of submitting (or deciding whether to submit) the tender; and

- 10.4.3** Tenderers shall not undertake any publicity activity within any section of the media.
- 10.5** Tenderers may disclose, distribute or pass this Invitation to tender to their professional advisors, sub-contractors or to another person provided that:
- 10.5.1** this is done for the sole purpose of enabling an Invitation to tender to be submitted and the person receiving the Information undertakes in writing to keep the Invitation to Tender confidential on the same terms as if that person were the Tenderer; or
- 10.5.2** the Tenderer obtains the prior written consent of the Council in relation to such disclosure, distribution or passing of the Invitation to Tender; or
- 10.5.3** the disclosure is made for the sole purpose of obtaining legal advice from external lawyers in relation to the procurement or to any Contract(s) which may arise from it; or
- 10.5.4** the Tenderer is legally required to make such a disclosure.
- 10.6** The Council may disclose detailed information relating to the Invitation to Tender to its officers, employees, agents, professional advisors or Governmental organisations and the Council may make any of the Contracts and procurement documents available for private inspection by its officers, employees, agents, professional advisors, contracting authorities or Governmental organisations.

10.7 Transparency of Expenditure

Further to its obligations regarding transparency of expenditure, the Council may be required to publish information regarding tenders, contracts and expenditure to the general public, which could include the text of any such documentation, except for any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act to be determined at the absolute discretion of the Council.

11.0 Freedom of Information

- 11.1** Please note that from 1 January 2005 under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the public (included in this are private companies, journalists, etc.) have a general right of access to information held by public authorities. One of the consequences of those new statutory responsibilities is that information about your organisation, which Shropshire Council may receive from you during this tendering process may be subject to disclosure, in response to a request, unless one of the various statutory exemptions applies.
- 11.2** In certain circumstances, and in accordance with the Code of Practice issued under section 45 of the Act, Shropshire Council may consider it appropriate to ask you for your views as to the release of any information before we make a decision as to how to respond to a request. In dealing with requests for information under the Act, Shropshire Council has to comply with a strict timetable and it would therefore expect a timely response to any such consultation within five working days.

- 11.3** If, at any stage of this tendering process, you provide any information to Shropshire Council in the expectation that it will be held in confidence, then you must make it clear in your documentation as to the information to which you consider a duty of confidentiality applies. The use of blanket protective markings such as “commercial in confidence” will no longer be appropriate and a clear indication as to what material is to be considered confidential and why should be given.
- 11.4** Shropshire Council will not be able to accept that trivial information or information which by its very nature cannot be regarded as confidential should be subject to any obligation of confidence.
- 11.5** In certain circumstances where information has not been provided in confidence, Shropshire Council may still wish to consult with you as to the application of any other exemption such as that relating to disclosure that will prejudice the commercial interests of any party. However the decision as to what information will be disclosed will be reserved to Shropshire Council.

For guidance on this issue see: <http://www.ico.gov.uk>

12.0 Disqualification

- 12.1** The Council reserves the right to reject or disqualify a Tenderer’s Tender submission where:
- 12.1.1** The tenderer fails to comply fully with the requirements of this Invitation to tender or is in breach of clause 15 of the Council’s General Terms and Conditions relating to Bribery and Corruption or is guilty of a serious or intentional or reckless misrepresentation in supplying any information required; or
- 12.1.2** The tenderer is guilty of serious or intentional or reckless misrepresentation in relation to its tender return and/or the procurement process.
- 12.1.3** The tenderer directly or indirectly canvasses any member, official or agent of the Council concerning the award of the contract or who directly or indirectly obtains or attempts to obtain information from any such person concerning any other Tender or proposed Tender for the services. The Canvassing Certificate must be completed and returned as instructed.
- 12.1.4** The Tenderer :
- a) Fixes or adjusts the amount of his Tender by or in accordance with any agreement or arrangements with any other person; or
 - b) Communicates to any person other than the Council the amount or approximate amount of his proposed Tender (except where such disclosure is made in confidence in order to obtain quotations necessary for preparation of the Tender for insurance purposes); or
 - c) Enters into an agreement or arrangement with any other person that he shall refrain from tendering or as to the amount of any Tender to be submitted; or

- d) Offers or agrees to pay or give or does pay or gives any sum of money, inducement or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having done or causing or having caused to be done in relation to any Tender or proposed Tender for the services any act or omission.

12.2 Any disqualification will be without prejudice to any other civil remedies available to the Council and without prejudice to any criminal liability which such conduct by a Tenderer may attract. The Non-Collusive Tendering Certificate must be completed and returned as instructed.

12.3 The Council reserves the right to disqualify an Applicant from further participating in this procurement process where there is a change in the control or financial stability of the Tenderer at any point in the process up to award of a contract and such change of control or financial stability has a materially adverse effect on the Tenderer's financial viability or ability to otherwise meet the requirements of the procurement process.

13.0 E-Procurement

As part of its procurement strategy Shropshire Council is committed to the use of technology that can improve the efficiency of procurement. Successful Tenderers may be required to send or receive documents electronically. This may include purchase orders, acknowledgements, invoices, payment advices, or other procurement documentation. These will normally be in the Council's standard formats, but may be varied under some circumstances so as not to disadvantage small and medium suppliers.

14.0 Award of Contract

14.1 Award Criteria

The Award Criteria has been set out within the Tender Response Document accompanying this invitation to tender. The Council is not bound to accept the lowest or any Tender.

14.2 Award Notice

The Council will publish the name and addresses of the successful Tenderers in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) where appropriate. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to pass all information regarding the outcome of the Tendering process to the Office of Fair Trading to assist in the discharge of its duties. Additionally, the Council will adhere to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Tenderers should note this statutory obligation.

14.3 Transparency of Expenditure

Further to its obligations regarding transparency of expenditure, the Council may also be required to publish information regarding tenders, contracts and expenditure to the general public, which could include the text of any such documentation, except for any information which is exempt from disclosure in

accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act to be determined at the absolute discretion of the Council.

15.0 Value of Contract

Shropshire Council cannot give any guarantee in relation to the value of this contract

16.0 Acceptance

16.1 Tenders must be submitted strictly in accordance with the terms of the Council's Invitation to Tender documentation and acceptance of the tender shall be conditional on compliance with this Tender Condition.

16.2 The Tender documentation including, the General and Special Terms and Conditions of Contract, the Tender Response document, these Instructions to Tender, together with the formal written acceptance by the Council will form a binding agreement between the Contractor and the Council.

16.6 The Tenderer shall be prepared to commence the provision of the supply and services on the start date of the contract arrangement being **1 April 2013**.

17.0 Payment Terms

Tenderers should particularly note that the principles governing public procurement require that, as far as is reasonably possible, payments for Goods, Works or Services are made after the provision. Therefore any indication of a pricing strategy within a Tender which provides for substantial payments at the outset of the Contract will be examined carefully to decide whether or not a Tender in such form can be accepted. If in the opinion of the Council such substantial payments appear excessive in relation to the requirements of the Contract the Council reserves, without prejudice to any other right to reject any Tender it may have, the right to require the Tenderer to spread such proportion of the costs as are considered excessive over the duration of the Contract.

18.0 Liability of Council

18.1 The Council does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

18.2 The Council does not accept any responsibility for any pre-tender representations made by or on its behalf or for any other assumptions that Tenderers may have drawn or will draw from any pre-tender discussions.

18.3 The Council shall not be liable to pay for any preparatory work or other work undertaken by the Tenderer for the purposes of, in connection with or incidental to this Invitation to Tender, or submission of its Tender response or any other communication between the Council and any other party as a consequence of the issue of this Invitation to Tender.

18.4 The Council shall not be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any Tenderer in connection with the preparation of a Tender return for this procurement exercise,

its participation in this procurement whether this procurement is completed, abandoned or suspended.

18.5 Whilst the Tender Documents have been prepared in good faith, they do not purport to be comprehensive nor to have been formally verified. Neither the Council nor any of its staff, agents, elected Members, or advisers accepts any liability or responsibility for the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of any information given, nor do they make any representation or given any warranty, express or implied, with respect to the Tender Documents or any matter on which either of these is based (including, without limitation, any financial details contained within the Specification and Contract Documentation). Any liability is hereby expressly disclaimed save in the event of fraud, or in the event of specific warranties provided within the Contract Documentation.

19.0 Declaration

We, as acknowledged by the signature of our authorised representative, accept these Instructions to Tender as creating a contract between ourselves and the Council. We hereby acknowledge that any departure from the Instructions to Tender may cause financial loss to the Council.

Signed (1) Status.....

Signed (2) Status.....

(For and on behalf of)

Date



Schedule 1 – Shropshire Short Breaks:
SMC 001: Community Support Service for Shropshire’s Children with disabilities
 Service Specification

1	Overview
1.1	<p>Title of Service</p> <p>Shropshire Short Breaks: Community Support Service (CSS) for children with disabilities</p> <p>This service includes</p> <p>Part A – After school activities during school term times (4-18)</p> <p>Part B - Outreach activity at the weekend and after school (4-18)</p> <p>Part C – Activities during the holiday periods (4-18)</p> <p>Part D – Residential opportunities for children to develop independence Skills (9-18)</p> <p>We are looking for a provider who can deliver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all parts of this service OR • one or more parts of the service and will be the lead contractor, Working with (an)other provider(s) to deliver all parts of the service.
1.2	Vision
	<p>Shropshire Council has a duty to provide Short Breaks under <i>The Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations 2010</i>. The duty applies to children aged 4-18, where 18 means up to and including 18th birthday.</p> <p>We are also guided by the current reform of provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and disabilities, as articulated in <i>Support and aspiration: A new approach to special educational needs and disability</i>.</p> <p>We are equally guided by a statement made by parents in 2009, which defined the outcome of local Short Breaks as</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Children will independently and confidently participate in their local community resources, skilfully supported by competent adults who can meet their needs.”</p> <p>Parents told us in 2012, that they value Short Breaks because it gives</p>

	<p>them the opportunity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to spend time with other family members • to go to work and get on with other routine tasks • to relax and have a break from caring <p>They report that the benefits to children include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • having enjoyable experiences • gaining life skills, which ultimately prepare young people for adulthood. <p>Shropshire Council is committed to work with families, providers and partners to achieve these outcomes and benefits for families in Shropshire.</p> <p>What we want to achieve together with parents, children and young people, providers and partners is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to maintain and improve the current offer • to expand the offer to families who are currently not benefitting from Short Breaks yet • to optimise sustainability and improve efficiency <p>The last point links to our desire to work with parents and our targeted and specialist service providers to develop the resources which already exist in the community. This outcome is increasingly important in the context of personalisation and personal budgets and contributes to furthering inclusion and equality in Shropshire.</p> <p>We have provided detailed needs analysis and have described the outcomes, defined by parents and the commissioning organisation, which we want to achieve together with our partners and providers. We welcome applications from providers, with a proven record of achieving outcomes for children with disabilities and putting all available resources to best use.</p>
1.3	Attributes
	<p>It is a basic expectation that all applicants can demonstrate that they have the experience of providing a safe and skilful service using the funding provided by the Council, by parents and where possible from other sources.</p> <p>It is a basic expectation that all applicants can demonstrate that they are committed to the priority outcomes of the Short Breaks programme, namely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • children enjoy suitable activities in a safe environment • parents get a break from caring <p>The successful provider will have demonstrated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • their experience of collaborating successfully with a commissioning organisation, other services, parents and children and young

	<p>people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • their experience of taking a lead role and potentially working with other providers to deliver this service • their commitment to our third priority outcome of supporting the development of existing resources in the community so that more Short Breaks become available in Shropshire and more families can access these independently. • that their plans have been developed (and will continue to be developed) in response to what parents want, what we know about increasing demand and what we know about delivering a service in Shropshire. • that their plans have been developed to ensure the best use of the available funding • that their plans have been developed in response to what we know about future developments, including financial expectations. • that they are committed to the principles on which our service standards will be based.
2	<p>Service Delivery</p> <p>Part A – After school activities during school term times (4-18 years) Part B - Outreach activity at the weekend and after school (4-18 years) Part C – Activities during the holiday periods (4-18 years) Part D – Residential opportunities for children to develop independence Skills (9-18 years)</p> <p>Maximum funding for all parts: 2013-14 = £330,000 per annum 2014-15 = £350,000 per annum (Easter 2015 = £14,000 – to be confirmed)</p> <p>Geographical cover: all eligible children and young people living in Shropshire.</p>
2.1	Part A + Part B - Service Delivery
	After school activities during school term times, including weekends (52 weeks)
	Part A + Part B - Access
	Social care criteria apply – referral from Disabled Children’s Team
	Part A + Part B - Outcomes
	As defined by individual child’s care plan; As defined by strategic outcomes of Short Breaks Programme;
	Part A + Part B - Funding
	Maximum of £16.40 per hour; Maximum of £215,000 per annum;

2.2	Part C - Service Delivery
	<p>Activities during the following holiday periods:</p> <p>Summer 2013 – 5 weeks October half- term 2013 – 1 week Christmas 2013 February half-term 2014 – 1 week ----- Easter 2014 – 2 weeks Whitsun 2014 – 1 week Summer 2014 – 5 weeks October half- term 2014 – 1 week Christmas 2014 February half-term 2015 – 1 week ----- (Easter 2015 – 2 weeks – to be confirmed)</p> <p>Note: Easter 2013 and Whitsun 2013 are commissioned separately on this occasion.</p>
	Part C - Access
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children with disabilities eligible for Social Care support • Pupils of Severndale School (including young people who have passed their 18th birthday and still attend the school) • Children with disabilities attending mainstream school, out of county schools or are home educated
	Part C - Outcomes
	In line with Short Breaks outcomes and individual care plans where appropriate
	Part C - Funding
	<p>2013/14: maximum of £95,000 An additional £5,000 incentive payment is available for evidence that this service has been accessed by more families from mainstream schools</p> <p>2014/15: maximum of £115,000 An additional £5,000 incentive payment is available for evidence that this service has been accessed by more families from mainstream schools</p> <p>(Easter 2015: maximum of £13,000 - £14,000 – to be confirmed; subject to future commissioning plans)</p>
2.3	Part D – Service Delivery
	Residential opportunities for children to develop independence skills (Priority on 9 -18 year olds)

	Part D - Access
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children with disabilities eligible for Social Care support • Pupils of Severndale School (including young people who have passed their 18th birthday and still attend the school)
	Part D – Outcomes
	<p>Priority: Outcomes focusing on developing independence skills As defined by individual child’s care plan; As defined by general strategic outcomes of Short Breaks Programme;</p>
	Part D – Funding
	Maximum of £15,000 per annum
3	Information, Reporting, Measures and Monitoring
	<p>Information</p> <p>The provider will provide information about their activities to parents, partners and the Council. This information will be used to publicise activities and for the inclusion in the Short Breaks Statement (or any other required publication).</p>
3.1	<p>Annual Report</p> <p>The provider will provide a cumulative annual report, which is based on the information provided in the quarterly reports.</p>
3.2	<p>Quarterly Reporting</p> <p>The provider will provide quarterly reports, which provide information on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number and characteristics of service users • The number and nature of activities • Outcomes & impact: The benefits to children and young people, their parents and the family as a whole. • Financial reports of income and outgoings <p>The format of this report will be in line with format required by all Short Breaks services. For services accessed by children eligible for Social Care support, additional requirements will apply, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • regular meetings with the referring team / provider panel • regular updates on individual care plans
3.3	<p>Contract Review Meetings</p> <p>Contract review meetings with the commissioning organisation will occur on a quarterly basis.</p>

3.4

Measures

Short Break measures – details to be agreed.

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

FOR THE SUPPLY OF

GOODS SERVICES AND WORKS

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These General Terms and Conditions are incorporated in contracts **of all values and types** made between Shropshire Council and a Contractor for the supply of Goods and Services (as defined below).

Only those Terms and Conditions denoted with the suffix **“W” (Property Services contracts)** or **“Z” (Highways contracts)** will be incorporated into those agreements where a standard form contract is being used to provide Works (as defined below)

1. **DEFINITIONS**

1.1 In this document the following words shall have the following meanings:

'Agreement'	means the Agreement between the Council and the Contractor consisting of the Purchase Order or Form of Agreement, these General Terms and Conditions and any other documents (or parts thereof) specified in the Purchase Order or Form of Agreement.
“Council Data”	the data, text, drawings, diagrams, images or sounds (together with any database made up of any of these) which are embodied in any electronic, magnetic, optical or tangible media, and which are: (a) supplied to the Contractor by or on behalf of the Council; or which the Contractor is required to generate, process, store or transmit pursuant to this Agreement; or (b) any Personal Data for which the Council is the Data Controller;
"Council Software"	software which is owned by or licensed to the Council, including software which is or will be used by the Contractor for the purposes of providing the Services but excluding the Contractor Software;
"Council System"	the Council's computing environment (consisting of hardware, software and/or telecommunications networks or equipment) used by the Council or the Contractor in connection with this Agreement which is owned by or licensed to the Council by a third party and which interfaces with the Contractor System or which is necessary for the Council to receive the Services;
“Council Representative”	the representative appointed by the Council
"Council"	means Shropshire Council
“Commercially Sensitive Information”	comprises the information of a commercially sensitive nature relating to the Contractor, its Intellectual Property Rights or its business which the Contractor has indicated to the Council in writing that, if disclosed by the Council, would cause the Contractor significant commercial disadvantage or material financial loss;

"Confidential Information"	any information, which has been designated as confidential by either Party in writing or that ought reasonably to be considered as confidential however it is conveyed, including information that relates to the business, affairs, developments, trade secrets, know-how, personnel and suppliers of the Council or the Contractor, including Intellectual Property Rights, together with all information derived from the above, and any other information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked as "confidential") ;
"Contractor"	means the person, firm or company or any other organisation specified in the Agreement contracting with the Council.
"Contractor Equipment"	the hardware, computer and telecoms devices and equipment supplied by the Contractor or its Sub contractors (but not hired, leased or loaned from the Council) for the provision of the Services;
"Contractor Software"	software which is proprietary to the Contractor, including software which is or will be used by the Contractor for the purposes of providing the Services;
"Contractor System"	the information and communications technology system used by the Contractor in performing the Services including the Software, the Contractor Equipment and related cabling (but excluding the Council System);
"Contractor Personnel"	all employees, agents, consultants and contractors of the Contractor and/or of any Sub-contractor;
"Data Controller"	shall have the same meaning as set out in the Data Protection Act 1998
"Data Processor"	shall have the same meaning as set out in the Data Protection Act 1998
"Data Protection Legislation"	the Data Protection Act 1998, the EU Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC, the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, the Telecommunications (Lawful Business Practice) (Interception of Communications) Regulations 2000 (SI 2000/2699), the Electronic Communications Data Protection Directive 2002/58/EC, the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003 and all applicable laws and regulations relating to processing of personal data and privacy, including where applicable the guidance and codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner;
"Data Subject"	shall have the same meaning as set out in the Data Protection Act 1998;
"EIR"	means the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (as may be amended from time to time.)
"Exempt Information"	means any information or class of information (including but not limited to any document, report, Agreement or other material containing information) relating to this Agreement or otherwise relating to the parties to this Agreement which potentially falls within an exemption to FOIA (as set out therein)

“FOIA”	means the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and all subsequent regulations made under this or any superseding or amending enactment and regulations; any words and expressions defined in the FOIA shall have the same meaning in this clause
“FOIA notice”	means a decision notice, enforcement notice and/or an information notice issued by the Information Commissioner
“Form Agreement” of	means the contract document (other than a Purchase Order) to which these General Terms and Conditions are attached or referred to
“Goods”	means all goods specified in the Agreement.
“Hazardous Goods”	means any solid, liquid, or gas that can cause harm to humans and other living organisms due to being radioactive, flammable or explosive, irritating or damaging the skin or lungs, interfering with oxygen intake and absorption (asphyxiants), or causing allergic reactions (allergens).
“Information”	has the meaning given under section 84 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000;
"Intellectual Property Rights"	means all patents, registered and unregistered designs, copyright, trade marks, know-how and all other forms of intellectual property wherever in the world enforceable
“Law”	any applicable law, statute, bye-law, regulation, order, regulatory policy, guidance or industry code, rule of court or directives or requirements of any Regulatory Body, delegated or subordinate legislation or notice of any Regulatory Body;
“Malicious Software”	any software program or code intended to destroy, interfere with, corrupt, or cause undesired effects on program files, data or other information, executable code or application software macros, whether or not its operation is immediate or delayed, and whether the malicious software is introduced wilfully, negligently or without knowledge of its existence;
“Packages”	includes bags, cases, cylinders, drums, pallets and other containers
"Personal Data"	shall have the same meaning as set out in the Data Protection Act 1998;
“Price”	means the price of the Goods and/or charge for the Services or Works being provided by the Contractor
“Public body”	as defined in the FOIA 2000
'Purchase Order'	means the Council's official order which encompasses orders written or electronically generated via any of the Council's ordering systems and to which these General Terms and Conditions are attached or referred to
“Receiving Party”	means a party to this Agreement to whom a Request for Information is made under FOIA, and who thereafter has overall conduct of the request and any response

“Regulatory Bodies”	those government departments and regulatory, statutory and other entities, committees and bodies which, whether under statute, rules, regulations, codes of practice or otherwise, are entitled to regulate, investigate, or influence the matters dealt with in this Agreement or any other affairs of the Council and "Regulatory Body" shall be construed accordingly;
“Request for Information”	means a written request for information pursuant to the FOIA as defined by Section 8 of the FOIA
"Security Policy"	the Council's security policy as updated from time to time;
“Services”	means any and all of the services to be provided by the Contractor under this Agreement including those set out in any schedules or service descriptions.
'Software"	Specially Written Software, Contractor Software and Third Party Software;
'Specially Written Software"	any software created by the Contractor (or by a third party on behalf of the Contractor) specifically for the purposes of this Agreement;
"Third Party Software"	software which is proprietary to any third party which is or will be used by the Contractor for the purposes of providing the Services
“Working Day”	any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in England and Wales.
“Works”	means all civil engineering and building works of whatever nature to be provided by the Contractor to the Council
'Writing’	includes facsimile transmission and electronic mail, providing that the electronic mail is acknowledged and confirmed as being received.

2. GENERAL

- 2.1 When requested, the Contractor shall specify the Goods, Services or Works to be provided at the price payable.
- 2.2 No variation of these General Terms and Conditions shall be binding unless agreed expressly in Writing by both the Council and the Contractor.
- 2.3 These General Terms and Conditions shall apply to the exclusion of any other terms or conditions submitted, proposed or stipulated by the Contractor, whether in Writing or orally, and any such other term or condition is hereby expressly excluded or waived.
- 2.4 The Contractor shall complete the Works or Services or supply the Goods within the agreed times but time shall not be of the essence in the performance of any services unless expressly stated in Writing by the Council.

3. SPECIFICATION AND QUALITY OF THE GOODS, SERVICES AND WORKS

- 3.1 The quantity, quality and description of the Goods or Services shall comply in all respects with any quoted British Standards and the specification or illustration contained in any product pamphlet or other sales or marketing literature of the Contractor or drawings, samples and patterns specified in the Agreement or any modifications thereof that may be agreed by the Council in Writing.
- 3.2 All Goods will be of good construction, sound materials, and of adequate strength, shall be free of defects in design materials and workmanship, and shall comply with the requirements of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 and the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982, as applicable to this Agreement and as amended by any related statutes, and any statutory re-enactment(s) or modification(s) thereof.

4. ALTERATIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION OF GOODS AND SERVICES

- 4.1 The parties may at any time mutually agree upon and execute alterations in the scope of Goods, Works or Services to be provided under this Agreement
- 4.2 On receipt of a request from the Council for alterations the Contractor shall, within 5 working days or such other period as may be agreed between the parties, advise the Council by notice in Writing of the effect of such alterations, if any, on the price and any other terms already agreed between the parties
- 4.3 Where the Contractor gives written notice to the Council agreeing to perform any alterations on terms different to those already agreed between the parties, the Council shall, within 5 working days of receipt of such notice or such other period as may be agreed between the parties, advise the Contractor by notice in Writing whether or not it wishes the alterations to proceed thereafter the Contractor shall perform this Agreement upon the basis of such amended terms

5. PRICE AND PAYMENT

- 5.1 The price for the supply of Goods and Services are as set out in the Agreement and the Contractor shall invoice the Council at the time the Goods are despatched or the Services are provided.
- 5.2 The Price, which shall include all charges for delivery to the Council, packaging, insurance and carriage, shall be exclusive of VAT and shall be a fixed price for the duration of the Agreement and shall not be varied without prior written consent of the Council.
- 5.3 The Council reserves the right to set off against the price of the Goods or Services any sums owed or becoming due to the Council from the Contractor.

- 5.4 Provided that a nominated employee or authorised signatory of the Council has signed for Goods or Services the Council will make payment to the Contractor by BACS (Bank Automated Clearing System) within 45 days following of receipt of the relevant undisputed invoice or acceptance of the relevant Goods or Services. No other method of payment shall be acceptable and the Contractor shall ensure that their bank account details are provided to the Council at least 45 days prior to payment becoming due to enable the payment to be made. The Council shall not be liable for any late payment charges where the Contractor fails to provide the Council with their correct bank account details in accordance with this clause.
- 5.5 VAT, where applicable, shall be shown separately on all invoices as a strictly net extra; the Invoice must comply with VAT rules and regulations. The correct Purchase Order number must be quoted on all invoices, and the Council will accept no liability whatsoever for invoices, delivery notes or other communications which do not bear such Purchase Order numbers.
- 5.6 The Council reserves the right to refuse payment of sums invoiced in excess of the prices stated in the Agreement.
- 5.7 Unless otherwise agreed in Writing by the Council the Contractor will pay any of its appointed sub-contractors within 30 days from receipt of an undisputed invoice.

6. DELIVERY

- 6.1 The Agreement will specify the quantity of Goods and the nature of the Services required and the date or dates and place of delivery of the Goods or provision of the Service or Services. The Contractor shall provide such programmes of manufacture and delivery as the Council may require. Each delivery or consignment shall have a packing note quoting the reference number of the Purchase Order (where applicable) prominently displayed, and the Council may reject quantities delivered in excess of those stated on the Agreement.
- 6.2 If Goods are in any respect incorrectly delivered the Contractor shall immediately affect correct delivery and shall be responsible for any additional costs or expenses incurred by both parties in so doing.
- 6.3 If Services are provided by the Contractor otherwise than in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, the Contractor shall immediately affect correct provision of the Services and shall be responsible for any additional costs or expenses incurred by the Council or the Contractor in so doing.
- 6.4 The Council may reject any Goods which are not in accordance with the Agreement and the Council shall not be treated as having accepted any Goods until the Council has had a reasonable time to inspect them following delivery or, if later, within a reasonable time after a latent defect in the Goods has become apparent.

- 6.5 The Contractor shall comply with all applicable regulations or other legal requirements as regards the manufacture, packaging, labelling, and delivery of the Goods. The Contractor shall deliver the Goods properly and securely packed and supply the Services during the Council's usual business hours (8:45 to 17:00 Monday to Thursday and 8:45 to 16:00 Friday) or in accordance with the instructions shown on the Agreement.
- 6.6 Where Goods are delivered by road vehicle, available empty Packages may be returned by the same vehicle.
- 6.7 Where the Council has an option to return Packages and does so, the Council will return such Packages empty and in good order and condition (consigned 'carriage paid' unless otherwise agreed) to the Contractor's supplying works or depot indicated by the Contractor, and will advise the Contractor of the date of despatch.
- 6.8 Packages and containers of all kinds are supplied free by the Contractor and are non-returnable unless otherwise clearly stated, in the first instance, on quotations and subsequently on all Packages, advice notes and delivery notes.

7. LOSS OR DAMAGE IN TRANSIT

- 7.1 The Contractor shall promptly make good, free of charge to the Council, any loss in transit of the Goods if notified within 21 days of delivery or any damage to or defect in the Goods if notified within 10 days of delivery.

8. INSPECTION

- 8.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for the inspection and testing of the Goods and shall ensure that they comply with the Agreement prior to delivery to the Council. The Council shall have the right to inspect the Goods at the Contractor's works and those of its Sub-Contractors at all reasonable times and to reject any part thereof that does not comply with the terms of the Agreement.
- 8.2 The Contractor shall ensure that rights of access, inspection and rejection at premises of any sub-Contractor of the Contractor are given to the Council in sub-agreements between the Contractor and the Contractor's Sub-Contractors. Any inspection, checking, approval or acceptance given on behalf of the Council shall not relieve the Contractor or its Sub-Contractors from any obligations or liabilities set forth in this Agreement.

9. REJECTION

- 9.1 The Council shall have the right to reject any Goods or Services which do not comply with the Agreement, and are, without limitation, not of a stipulated quality or quantity or measurement, unfit for the purpose for which they are required or non-compliant with a description or specification or sample, and the Council may return such rejected Goods to the Contractor at the Contractor's cost and expense.

- 9.2 If the Contractor is unable to supply acceptable replacement Goods or Services within the time specified in the Agreement, or within any extension of such time as the Council may grant, the Council will be entitled to purchase elsewhere other Goods or Services, as near as is practicable to the same Agreement specifications as circumstances shall permit, but without prejudice to any other right which the Council may have against the Contractor including, but not limited to, payment by the Contractor of any excess costs incurred by the Council in doing so.
- 9.3 The making of such payment shall not prejudice the Council's right of rejection and the Contractor shall immediately reimburse the Council with an amount equal to that paid by the Council in respect of the Goods or Services and any applicable taxes. Before exercising the said right elsewhere the Council shall give the Contractor reasonable opportunity to replace rejected Goods or Services with Goods or Services that conform to the Agreement.
- 9.4 The Council is under no obligation to test or inspect the Goods before or on delivery.

10. TITLE - PASSING PROPERTY

- 10.1 Property and risk in the Goods will remain with the Contractor until the Goods are delivered to the place specified in the Agreement and a nominated employee of the Council has signed a delivery note for them, whereupon title will pass to the Council, without any limitation, constraint or encumbrance.
- 10.2 If payment for the Goods is made prior to delivery, property in the Goods shall pass to the Council once payment has been made and the Goods have been unconditionally appropriated by the Council.
- 10.3 In these circumstances the Contractor will set aside the Goods and store them separately from similar Goods held at the Contractors premises specified in the Agreement and ensure that they are securely, clearly and visibly marked with the wording "Property of Shropshire Council" so as to identify those Goods as having been unconditionally appropriated by the Council to whose order they are held
- 10.4 The Contractor will allow a named representative of the Council reasonable accompanied access to its premises specified in the Agreement to verify compliance with clause 10.3 herein and will immediately rectify any non-compliance as identified by the Council's named representative
- 10.5 The Contractor will indemnify the Council for any loss of or damage to the Goods until delivered on-site.
- 10.6 Without prejudice to this indemnity the Contractor will have appropriate and adequate insurance cover against any such loss or damage with a reputable insurer from the time that title in the materials or Goods passes to the Council until they are delivered on-site and the Contractor shall provide the Council with certified copies of the relevant policy upon request.

- 10.7 The Contractor agrees that the Council has the right to enter the Contractor's premises specified in the Agreement where Goods are being held in order to recover the said materials or Goods in the event of the Contractors' insolvency

11. THE COUNCIL'S OBLIGATIONS

- 11.1 To enable the Contractor to perform its obligations under this Agreement the Council shall:
- a) co-operate with the Contractor;
 - b) provide the Contractor with any information reasonably required by the Contractor;
 - c) obtain all necessary permissions and consents which may be required before the commencement of the Services or the supply of Goods; and
 - d) comply with such other requirements as may be otherwise agreed between the parties.
- 11.2 Without prejudice to any other rights to which the Contractor may be entitled, in the event that the Council unlawfully terminates or cancels the Goods or Services agreed to in the Agreement the Council shall be required to pay to the Contractor as agreed damages and not as a penalty the full amount of any third party costs to which the Contractor has reasonably committed and in respect of cancellations on less than five working days' written notice the full amount of the Goods and Services.

12. WARRANTIES

- 12.1 The Contractor warrants that as from the date of delivery for a minimum period of 12 months the Goods and all their component parts, where applicable, are free from any defects in design, workmanship, construction or materials. Where certain Goods carry warranties for longer periods the Contractor will notify the Council of these from time to time as appropriate.
- 12.2 The Contractor warrants that the Services performed under this Agreement shall be performed using reasonable skill and care, and of a quality conforming to generally accepted industry standards and practices.

13 INDEMNIFICATION

- 13.1 The Council shall indemnify the Contractor against all reasonable claims, costs and expenses which the Contractor may incur and which arise, directly from the Council's breach of any of its obligations under this Agreement.

- 13.2 The Contractor shall indemnify the Council against all reasonable damage, liability, costs, claims, actions and proceedings arising out of the performance, defective performance or otherwise of this Agreement by the Contractor, its employees, servants or agents

14. TERMINATION AND CANCELLATION

- 14.1 The Council upon giving the Contractor notice in Writing may cancel any Agreement at any time. A fair and reasonable price will be paid for all work in progress at the time of the cancellation, providing all such work is delivered to, and/or performed for the Council and is accepted as described in Clauses 6 to 9 herein. The Council's liability is strictly limited to work in progress and no further loss or liability will accrue.

- 14.2 Either party may terminate this Agreement forthwith by notice in Writing to the other if:

- a) the other party commits a material breach of this Agreement and, in the case of a breach capable of being remedied, fails to remedy it within 14 calendar days of being given notice in Writing setting out the breach and indicating that failure to remedy the breach may result in termination of this Agreement.
- b) the other party commits a material breach of this Agreement which cannot be remedied under any circumstances;
- c) the other party passes a resolution for winding up (other than for the purpose of solvent amalgamation or reconstruction), or a court of competent jurisdiction makes an order to that effect;
- d) the other party ceases to carry on its business or substantially the whole of its business; or
- e) the other party is declared insolvent, or convenes a meeting of or makes or proposes to make any arrangement or composition with its creditors; or a liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver, manager, trustee or similar officer is appointed over any of its assets.

15. ANTI-BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION (W) (Z)

- 15.1 The Council may cancel the Agreement by way of a written notice with immediate effect and recover from the Contractor the amount of any loss resulting from the cancellation if at any time it becomes known to the Council that the Contractor or any person employed by the Contractor or acting on his behalf whether with or without the knowledge of the Contractor has:

- a) offered, paid or given or agreed to give directly or indirectly any gift in money or any other form or any financial or other advantage to any member employee or agent of the Council as an inducement or reward in relation to the obtaining or execution of the Agreement or any other Agreement with the Council; or

- b) favoured or discriminated against any person in relation to this or any other Agreement with the Council; or
- c) committed an offence in relation to any Agreement with the Council under the Prevention of Corruption Acts 1906 to 1916 or the Bribery Act 2010 or Section 117(2) Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

16. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 16.1 Any specification, drawing, sample and pattern supplied by the Council to the Contractor, or specifically produced by the Contractor for the Council in connection with this Agreement, together with the copyright, design rights or any other intellectual property rights thereto shall be the exclusive property of the Council. On payment of the price and for no further consideration the Contractor assigns to the Council with full title guarantee all such copyright, design and other intellectual property rights.
- 16.2 The Contractor shall not disclose to any third party (except sub-contractors accepting a like obligation of secrecy, and then only to the extent necessary for the performance of the sub-agreement) or provide any such specification, drawing, sample or pattern to any third party or use the same except to the extent that it is or becomes public knowledge through no fault of the Contractor, or as is required for the purposes of the Agreement.
- 16.3 This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of the Agreement.

17. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

- 17.1 The Contractor and the Council are independent of each other, and neither has the authority to bind the other to any third party or act in any way as the representative of the other, unless otherwise expressly agreed to in Writing by both parties.

18. SEVERABILITY

- 18.1 If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction such provision shall be severed and the remainder of the provisions herein shall continue in full force and effect as if this Agreement had been agreed with the invalid illegal or unenforceable provision eliminated.

19. ASSIGNING AND SUB-CONTRACTING

- 19.1 The Contractor will not, without the written consent of the Council, assign or sub-contract its right or duties under this Agreement nor allow Services to be provided other than through his own employees and using his own equipment.

- 19.2 In the event that the Council has consented to the placing of sub-contracts, copies of each sub-contract and order shall be sent by the Contractor to the Council immediately it is issued.
- 19.3 Notwithstanding the Contractor's right to sub-contract pursuant to this clause 19, the Contractor shall remain responsible for all acts and omissions of its Sub-contractors and the acts and omissions of those employed or engaged by the Sub-contractors as if they were its own. An obligation on the Contractor to do, or to refrain from doing, any act or thing shall include an obligation upon the Contractor to procure that its employees, staff, agents and Sub-contractors' employees, staff and agents also do, or refrain from doing, such act or thing.

20. WAIVER

- 20.1 The failure by either party to enforce at any time or for any period any one or more of these General Terms and Conditions herein shall not be a waiver of them or of the right at any time subsequently to enforce all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

21. HAZARDOUS GOODS

- 21.1 Hazardous Goods must be marked by the Contractor with International Danger Symbol(s) and display the name of the material in English. Transport and other documents must include declaration of the hazard and name of the material in English. Goods must be accompanied by emergency information in English in the form of written instructions, labels or markings. The Contractor shall observe the requirements of UK and international laws, regulations and agreements relating to the packing, labelling and carriage of hazardous Goods.
- 21.2 All information known, held by, or reasonably available to, the Contractor regarding any potential hazards known or believed to exist in transport, handling or use of the Goods supplied shall be promptly communicated to the Council.

22. NOTICES

- 22.1 Unless otherwise communicated to the party in Writing any notice to be given by either party to the other may be served by email, fax, personal service or by post to the address of the other party that is the registered office or main place of business of the Contractor or if the Council, the Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury. SY2 6ND
- 22.2 A Notice sent by email shall be deemed to be received providing receipt is acknowledged and confirmed, Notice sent by fax shall be deemed to be served on receipt of an error free transmission report, Notice given by letter shall be deemed to have been served at the time at which the letter was delivered personally or if sent by second class post shall be deemed to have been delivered in the ordinary course of post and if by first class post shall be deemed to have been delivered 48 hours after posting and acknowledged

23. CONFIDENTIALITY (W) (Z)

- 23.1 All plans, drawings, designs or specifications supplied by the Council to the Contractor shall remain the exclusive property of, and shall be returned to the Council on completion of the Agreement and shall not be copied, and no information relating to the Goods or the Services shall be disclosed to any third party, except as required for the purpose of this Agreement.
- 23.2 No photographs of any of the Council's equipment, installations or property shall be taken without the Council's prior consent in Writing. The Contractor shall keep secret and shall not divulge to any third party (except sub-contractors accepting a like obligation of secrecy, and then only to the extent necessary for the performance of the sub-agreement) all information given by the Council in connection with the Agreement or which becomes known to the Contractor through his performance of the Agreement or use the same other than for the purpose of executing the Agreement.
- 23.3 The Contractor shall not mention the Council's name in connection with the Agreement or disclose the existence of the Agreement in any publicity material or other similar communication to third parties without the Council's prior consent in Writing.
- 23.4 The Contractor will keep confidential any information it becomes aware of by reason of the operation of this Agreement.
- 23.5 Except to the extent set out in this clause or where disclosure is expressly permitted elsewhere in this Agreement, each party shall:
- 23.5.1 treat the other party's Confidential Information as confidential; and
- 23.5.2 not disclose the other party's Confidential Information to any other person without the owner's prior written consent
- 23.6 Clause 23.5 shall not apply to the extent that:
- 23.6.1 such disclosure is a requirement of Law placed upon the party making the disclosure, including any requirements for disclosure under the Audit Commission Act 1998 or under the FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations pursuant to the above clause regarding Freedom of Information;
- 23.6.2 such information was in the possession of the party making the disclosure without obligation of confidentiality prior to its disclosure by the information owner;
- 23.6.3 such information was obtained from a third party without obligation of confidentiality;
- 23.6.4 such information was already in the public domain at the time of disclosure otherwise than by a breach of this Agreement; or
- 23.6.5 it is independently developed without access to the other party's Confidential Information.

- 23.7 The Contractor may only disclose the Council's Confidential Information to the Contractor Personnel who are directly involved in the provision of the Services and who need to know the information, and shall ensure that such Contractor Personnel are aware of and shall comply with these obligations as to confidentiality.
- 23.8 The Contractor shall not, and shall procure that the Contractor Personnel do not, use any of the Council's Confidential Information received otherwise than for the purposes of this Agreement
- 23.9 Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the Council from disclosing the Contractor's Confidential Information:
- 23.9.1 to any consultant, contractor or other person engaged by the Council;
- 23.9.2 for the purpose of the examination and certification of the Council's accounts or any other form of audit of the Council;
- 23.10 The Council shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that any government department, employee, third party or Sub-contractor to whom the Contractor's Confidential Information is disclosed pursuant to this Agreement is made aware of the Council's obligations of confidentiality.
- 23.11 Nothing in this clause shall prevent either party from using any techniques, ideas or know-how gained during the performance of the Agreement in the course of its normal business to the extent that this use does not result in a disclosure of the other party's Confidential Information or an infringement of Intellectual Property Rights.
- 23.12 The provisions of this Clause shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

23A AGREEMENT STATUS AND TRANSPARENCY (W) (Z)

- 23A.1 The parties acknowledge that, except for any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, the content of this Agreement and any associated tender documentation provided by the Contractor (the Tender Submission) is not Confidential Information. The Council shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion whether any of the content of the Agreement or the Tender Submission is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA.
- 23A.2 Notwithstanding any other term of this Agreement, the Contractor hereby gives his consent for the Council to publish this Agreement and the Tender Submission in its entirety, including from time to time agreed changes to the Agreement, to the general public.
- 23A.3 The Council may consult with the Contractor to inform its decision regarding any exemptions but the Council shall have the final decision in its absolute discretion.

23A.4 The Contractor shall assist and cooperate with the Council to enable the Council to publish this Agreement and the Tender Submission.

24. COUNCIL DATA

24.1 The Contractor shall not delete or remove any copyright or proprietary notices contained within or relating to the Council Data.

24.2 The Contractor shall not store, copy, disclose, or use the Council Data except as necessary for the performance by the Contractor of its obligations under this Agreement or as otherwise expressly authorised in writing by the Council and in particular the Contractor shall not store any Council Data, which the Council has notified the Contractor requires storage in an encrypted format, on any portable device or media unless that device is encrypted.

24.3 To the extent that Council Data is held and/or processed by the Contractor, the Contractor shall supply that Council Data to the Council as requested by the Council in any format specified in this Agreement or if none specified in any format reasonably requested by the Council.

24.4 The Contractor shall take responsibility for preserving the integrity of Council Data and preventing the corruption or loss of Council Data and shall take such back up copies of the Council Data at regular intervals appropriate to the frequency of the revision of the Council Data.

24.5 The Contractor shall ensure that any system on which the Contractor holds any Council Data, including back-up data, is a secure system that complies with the Security Policy to include, but not limited to, the following requirements in the Security Policy:

- a) Access to the system is restricted to Contractor Personnel with a legitimate need to access the Council Data; and
- b) The system is kept up to date with the latest versions of operating system and anti-virus updates; and
- c) Transfer of data to and from the system is conducted in a secure manner.

24.6 If the Council Data is corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded as a result of the Contractor's Default so as to be unusable, the Council may:

24.6.1 require the Contractor (at the Contractor's expense) to restore or procure the restoration of Council Data as soon as practicable; and/or

24.6.2 itself restore or procure the restoration of Council Data, and shall be repaid by the Contractor any reasonable expenses incurred in doing so including the restoration of the Council.

- 24.7 If at any time the Contractor suspects or has reason to believe that Council Data has or may become corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded in any way for any reason, then the Contractor shall notify the Council via the Council's ICT Helpdesk immediately and inform the Council of the remedial action the Contractor proposes to take.
- 24.8 The Contractor shall check for and delete Malicious Software and if Malicious Software is found, the parties shall co-operate to reduce the effect of the Malicious Software and, particularly if Malicious Software causes loss of operational efficiency or loss or corruption of Council Data, assist each other to mitigate any losses and to restore the Services to their desired operating efficiency.
- 24.9 Any cost arising out of the actions of the parties taken in compliance with the provisions of sub-clause .8 above shall be borne by the parties as follows:
- 24.9.1 by the Contractor where the Malicious Software originates from the Contractor Software, the Third Party Software or the Council Data (whilst the Council Data was under the control of the Contractor); and
- 24.9.2 by the Council if the Malicious Software originates from the Council Software or the Council Data (whilst the Council Data was under the control of the Council).

25. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

- 25.1 With respect to the parties' rights and obligations under this Agreement, the parties agree that the Council is the Data Controller and that the Contractor is the Data Processor.
- 25.2 The Contractor shall:
- 25.2.1 Process the Personal Data only in accordance with instructions from the Council (which may be specific instructions or instructions of a general nature as set out in this Agreement or as otherwise notified by the Council to the Contractor during the term of this Agreement);
- 25.2.2 Process the Personal Data only to the extent, and in such manner, as is necessary for the provision of the Services or as is required by Law or any Regulatory Body;
- 25.2.3 implement appropriate technical and organisational measures, including but not limited to ensuring that Personal Data is not stored on any portable equipment or storage device or media unless encrypted, to protect the Personal Data against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction, damage, alteration or disclosure. These measures shall be appropriate to the harm which might result from any unauthorised or unlawful Processing, accidental loss, destruction or damage to the Personal Data and having regard to the nature of the Personal Data which is to be protected;

- 25.2.4 take reasonable steps to ensure the reliability of any Contractor Personnel who have access to the Personal Data;
- 25.2.5 obtain prior written consent from the Council in order to transfer the Personal Data to any Sub-contractors or Affiliates for the provision of the Services;
- 25.2.6 ensure that all Contractor Personnel required to access the Personal Data are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data and comply with the obligations set out in this Protection of Personal Data clause ;
- 25.2.7 ensure that no Contractor Personnel publish, disclose or divulge any of the Personal Data to any third party unless directed in writing to do so by the Council;
- 25.2.8 notify the Council (within five Working Days) if it receives:
 - a) a request from a Data Subject to have access to that person's Personal Data; or
 - b) a complaint or request relating to the Council's obligations under the Data Protection Legislation;
- 25.2.9 provide the Council with full cooperation and assistance in relation to any complaint or request made, including by:
 - a) providing the Council with full details of the complaint or request;
 - b) complying with a data access request within the relevant timescales set out in the Data Protection Legislation and in accordance with the Council's instructions;
 - c) providing the Council with any Personal Data it holds in relation to a Data Subject (within the timescales required by the Council); and
 - d) providing the Council with any information requested by the Council;
- 25.2.10 permit the Council or the Council Representative (subject to reasonable and appropriate confidentiality undertakings), to inspect and audit, in accordance with the Audit clause, the Contractor's data Processing activities (and/or those of its agents, subsidiaries and Sub-contractors) and comply with all reasonable requests or directions by the Council to enable the Council to verify and/or procure that the Contractor is in full compliance with its obligations under this Agreement;
- 25.2.11 provide a written description of the technical and organisational methods employed by the Contractor for processing Personal Data (within the timescales required by the Council); and

- 25.2.12 not process Personal Data outside the United Kingdom without the prior written consent of the Council and, where the Council consents to a transfer, to comply with:
- a) the obligations of a Data Controller under the Eighth Data Protection Principle set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred; and
 - b) any reasonable instructions notified to it by the Council
- 25.2.13 The Contractor shall comply at all times with the Data Protection Legislation and shall not perform its obligations under this Agreement in such a way as to cause the Council to breach any of its applicable obligations under the Data Protection Legislation.
- 25.2.14 The Contractor shall ensure that its employees and agents are aware of and comply with this clause and shall indemnify the Council against any loss or damage sustained or incurred as a result of any breach of this clause.

26 COUNCIL DATA AND PERSONAL INFORMATION AUDITS

- 26.1 Except where an audit is imposed on the Council by a Regulatory body, the Council may, acting reasonably, conduct an audit for the following purposes:
- 26.1.1 to review the integrity, confidentiality and security of the Council Data;
 - 26.1.2 to review the Contractor's compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in accordance with the Protection of Personal Data and Freedom of Information clauses and any other legislation applicable to the Services;
- 26.2 The Council shall use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the conduct of each audit does not unreasonably disrupt the Contractor or delay the provision of the Services.
- 26.3 Subject to the Council's obligations of confidentiality, the Contractor shall on demand provide the Council (and/or its agents or representatives) with all reasonable co-operation and assistance in relation to each audit, including:
- 26.3.1 all information requested by the Council within the permitted scope of the audit;
 - 26.3.2 reasonable access to any Sites controlled by the Contractor and to any equipment used (whether exclusively or non-exclusively) in the performance of the Services;
 - 26.3.3 access to Contractor Personnel

- 26.4 The Contractor shall implement all measurement and monitoring tools and procedures necessary to measure and report on the Contractor's performance of the Services.
- 26.5 The Council shall endeavour to (but is not obliged to) provide at least 5 Working Days notice of its intention to conduct an audit.
- 26.6 The parties agree that they shall bear their own respective costs and expenses incurred in respect of compliance with their obligations under this clause.
- 26.7 This clause shall not apply to any audit or inspection regarding the provision of the Services specified in the Service Specification or elsewhere in this Agreement which may be conducted as specified in this Agreement.

27. PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE ('WHISTLE BLOWING') (W)(Z)

- 27.1 The Contractor will ensure that his employees and agents are made aware of the Council's policy "Speaking Up About Wrongdoing" and that the details of this policy are fully explained to them and shall provide the Council with evidence of doing so upon request.

28. INSURANCE

- 28.1 The Contractor shall maintain a comprehensive policy of Public Liability and Employers Liability insurance. In respect of its liability such insurance cover to be maintained and provide for a minimum of £5,000,000 (FIVE MILLION POUNDS). Cover In respect of death or personal injury due to negligence will be unlimited.
- 28.2 If appropriate and requested in Writing, the Contractor may also be required to provide Product Liability insurance of at least £2,000,000 (TWO MILLION POUNDS) and Professional Indemnity insurance of at least £1,000,000 (ONE MILLION POUNDS) cover for any one claim and the Contractor shall provide the Council with certified copies of the relevant policies upon request.

29. EQUALITIES (W) (Z)

- 29.1 The Contractor and any Sub-Contractor employed by the Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate either directly or indirectly on such grounds as race or ethnic origin, disability, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief, or age in the supply and provision of Goods, Services or Works under this Agreement, or in its employment practices.
- 29.2 Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Contractor and any Sub-Contractor employed by the Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of the Equalities Act 2010 or other relevant legislation, or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof.

- 29.3 In addition, the Contractor and any Sub-Contractor employed by the Contractor in providing services to the Council will comply with the general duty imposed on local authorities by Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and promote equality of opportunity between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not share it and to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not share it .
- 29.4 The Contractor and any Sub-Contractor employed by the Contractor will take all reasonable steps to observe as far as possible the Codes of Practice produced by the Equalities and Human Rights Commission, which give practical guidance to employers on the elimination of discrimination.
- 29.5 In the event of any finding of unlawful discrimination being made against the Contractor or any Sub-Contractor employed by the Contractor during the contract period, by any court or employment tribunal, or any adverse finding or formal investigation by the Equalities and Human Rights Commission over the same period, the Contractor shall inform the Council of this finding and shall take appropriate steps to prevent repetition of the unlawful discrimination.
- 29.6 The Contractor and any Sub-Contractor employed by the Contractor will provide a copy of its policies to the Council at any time upon request. In addition, the Council may reasonably request other information from time to time for the purpose of assessing the Contractor's compliance with the above conditions.

30. HUMAN RIGHTS (W) (Z)

- 30.1 The Contractor shall where appropriate take account of the Human Rights Act 1998 and shall not do anything in breach of it.

31 HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK (Z)

- 31.1 The Contractor will at all times in providing Goods, Services or Works to the Council comply with the provisions of the Health and Safety at work Act 1974 and provide evidence of doing so to the Council at any time upon request.

32. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOIA) AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR) (W) (Z)

- 32.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the Council is subject to the requirements of the FOIA and the Environmental Information Regulations and shall assist and cooperate with the Council to enable the Council to comply with its Information disclosure obligations.
- 32.2 The Contractor shall notify the Council of any Commercially Sensitive Information provided to the Council together with details of the reasons for its sensitivity and the Contractor acknowledges that any lists or schedules of Commercially Sensitive Information so provided are of indicative value only and that the Council may be obliged to disclose such information.

- 32.3 The Contractor shall and shall procure that its Sub-contractors shall:
- 32.3.1 transfer to the Council all Requests for Information that it receives as soon as practicable and in any event within two Working Days of receiving a Request for Information;
 - 32.3.2 provide the Council, at the Contractor's expense, with a copy of all Information in its possession, or power in the form that the Council requires within five Working Days (or such other period as the Council may specify) of the Council's request; and
 - 32.3.3 provide, at the Contractor's expense, all necessary assistance as reasonably requested by the Council to enable the Council to respond to the Request for Information within the time for compliance set out in section 10 of the FOIA or regulation 5 of the Environmental Information Regulations.
- 32.4 The Council shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement or any other agreement whether the Commercially Sensitive Information and/or any other Information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations and in considering any response to a Request for Information the Council may consult with the Contractor prior to making any decision or considering any exemption.
- 32.5 In no event shall the Contractor respond directly to a Request for Information unless expressly authorised to do so by the Council.
- 32.6 The Contractor acknowledges that (notwithstanding the provisions of this Freedom of Information clause) the Council may, acting in accordance with the Ministry of Justice's Code of Practice on the Discharge of the Functions of Public Authorities under Part 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Code"), be obliged under the FOIA, or the Environmental Information Regulations to disclose information concerning the Contractor or the Services:
- 32.6.1 in certain circumstances without consulting the Contractor; or
 - 32.6.2 following consultation with the Contractor and having taken their views into account; provided always that where sub-clause 32.6.1 above applies the Council shall, in accordance with any recommendations of the Code, take reasonable steps, where appropriate, to give the Contractor advanced notice, or failing that, to draw the disclosure to the Contractor's attention after any such disclosure.
- 32.7 The Contractor shall ensure that all Information required to be produced or maintained under the terms of this Agreement, or by Law or professional practice or in relation to the Agreement is retained for disclosure for at least the duration of the Agreement plus one year together with such other time period as required by the Agreement, law or practice and shall permit the Council to inspect such records as requested from time to time.

- 32.8 The Council shall in no event be liable for any loss, damage, harm, or detriment, howsoever caused, arising from or in connection with the reasonable disclosure under FOIA, or any other Law, of any information (including Exempt Information) whether relating to this Agreement or otherwise relating to any other party.
- 32.9 Where the Contractor is a Public Body the parties acknowledges that such obligations and duties of the Council as set out above are reciprocal to the Contractor. The Council and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that:
- 32.9.1 as Public Bodies they are subject to legal duties under the FOIA and EIR which may require either party to disclose on request information relating to this Agreement or otherwise relating to the other party;
- 32.9.2 they are required by law to consider each and every Request for Information made under FOIA;
- 32.9.3 that all decisions made by the other pursuant to a request under the FOIA are solely a matter for the Receiving Party and at the discretion of the Receiving Party.
- 32.9.4 Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary (including but without limitation any obligations or confidentiality), the Receiving Party shall be entitled to disclose information in whatever form pursuant to a request made under FOIA, save that in relation to any information that is Exempt Information the Receiving Party shall consult the other party before making any such decision and shall not:
- a) confirm or deny that information is held by the other party, or
 - b) disclose information required to the extent that in the Receiving Party's opinion the information is eligible in the circumstances for an exemption and therefore the Receiving Party may lawfully refrain from doing either of the things described in part (a) and (b) of this clause.
- 32.9.5 each party shall bear its own costs of:
- a) assessing the application of any exemption under FOIA and/or
 - b) responding to any FOIA notice and/or
 - c) lodging any appeal against a decision of the Information Commissioner in relation to disclosure
- 32.9.6 the Receiving Party shall in no circumstances be liable for any loss, damage, harm, or detriment, howsoever caused, arising from or in connection with the reasonable disclosure under FOIA of any Exempt Information or other information whether relating to this Agreement or otherwise relating to the other party.

32.9.7 the other party shall assist the Receiving Party with the request as reasonably necessary to enable the Receiving Party to comply with its obligations under FOIA.

33. SAFEGUARDING(W) (Z)

33.1 Where the work being undertaken in this Agreement allows access to premises locations or activities where there is a likelihood of coming into contact with children or vulnerable adults the Contractor must ensure that it follows the guidance of the Independent Safeguarding Council and the regulations relating to the Vetting and Barring Scheme to determine whether a Criminal Record Bureau check is required for employees or any person sub-contracted to carry out the work on behalf of the Contractor. If in any doubt the Contractor should discuss the matter further with the officer of the Council awarding the Contract and raise any concerns arising from disclosures.

33.2 Where the service requirement, specification or Purchase Order determines that a CRB check should be carried out the Contractor shall undertake CRB checks prior to the relevant employees or persons commencing work on the Services to be provided to the Council.

34 SUSTAINABILITY

34.1 Contractors should at all times demonstrate how they contribute to the achievement of the Council's Sustainability Policy

35 EXPIRY

35.1 The Contractor will on the expiry or termination of the Agreement and, at its own cost, return (or at the request of the Council destroy) all information obtained in undertaking the performance of the Agreement.

36 AUDIT AND MONITORING) (W) (Z)

36.1 The Contractor will allow access for the Council's officers to all relevant information for the purposes of audit and the monitoring of the Agreement.

37. RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES

37.1 The parties to this Agreement do not intend that any of its terms will be enforceable by any person not a party to it by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

38. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

38.1 This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter and supersedes any previous agreements, arrangements, undertakings or proposals, oral or written.

39. FORCE MAJEURE

39.1 Neither the Council nor the Contractor shall be in breach of this Agreement nor liable for any failure or delay in performing their obligations under this Agreement where it is directly caused, arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond its reasonable control ("Force Majeure Event"), provided that:-

39.1.1 any delay by a sub-contractor or supplier of the Party who is delayed will not relieve that Party from liability for delay except where the delay is beyond the reasonable control of the sub-contractor or supplier concerned; and

39.1.2 staff or material shortages or strikes or industrial action affecting only the Party who is delayed will not relieve that Party from liability for delay.

39.2 If the Party is subject to a Force Majeure Event it shall not be in breach of this Agreement provided that:-

39.2.1 it promptly notified the Council in writing of the nature and extent of the Force Majeure Event causing its failure or delay in performance; and

39.2.2 it has used its reasonable endeavours to mitigate the effect of the Force Majeure Event, to carry out its obligations under this Agreement in any way that is reasonably practicable and to resume the performance of its obligations as soon as reasonably possible in which case the performance of that Party's obligations will be suspended during the period that those circumstances persist and that Party will be granted a reasonable extension of time for performance up to a maximum equivalent to the period of the delay.

39.3 Save where that delay is caused by the act or failure to act of the other Party (in which event the rights, remedies and liabilities of the Parties will be those conferred by the other terms of this Agreement and by law):-

39.3.1 any costs arising from that delay will be borne by the Party incurring the same; and

39.3.2 either Party may, if that delay continues for more than 5 weeks, terminate this Agreement immediately on giving notice in writing to the other. Such termination shall be without prejudice to the rights of the parties in respect of any breach of this Agreement occurring prior to such termination.

40. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION (W)

40.1 It is the responsibility of the Contractor to comply with all relevant European and English legislation. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English Law and the parties agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English and Welsh Courts

41. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE (W) (Z)

41.1 The Contractor shall operate a complaints procedure in respect of any goods, services or works provided under these terms & conditions, to the entire satisfaction of the Council, and comply with the requirements of any regulatory body to which the Contractor is subject (including any change in such requirements) and ensure that its complaints procedure meets the following minimum standards:

41.1.1 is easy to access and understand

41.1.2 clearly sets out time limits for responding to complaints and keeping the complainant and the Council informed of progress;

41.1.3 provides confidential record keeping to protect employees under this contract and the complainant

41.1.4 provides information to management so that services can be improved

41.1.5 provides effective and suitable remedies

41.1.6 is regularly monitored and audited and which takes account of complainant and Council feedback.

41.2 The Contractor shall ensure that:

41.2.1 under no circumstances is a complaint investigated by a member of its staff employed under this contract who may be part of the complaint.

41.2.2 someone who is independent of the matter complained of carries out the investigation

41.2.3 the complainant is made aware that they are entitled to have the complaint investigated by the Council if they are not satisfied with either the process of investigation or finding of the Contractor's investigations

- 41.2.4 the Contactor will ensure that it responds to the complainant within a max of 10 days of receiving the complaint
- 41.3 The Contactor will make its complaints procedure available on request
- 41.4 The Contactor shall ensure that all its employees and persons employed under this contract are made aware of its complaints procedure and shall designate one employee (who shall be identified to the Council) to whom a complaint may be referred should the complainant not be satisfied with the initial response to their complaint
- 41.5 The Contactor shall keep accurate and complete written records of all complaints received and the responses to them and shall make these records available to the Council on request or at 12 monthly intervals in any event.
- 41.6 Where the Council is investigating a complaint the Contactor is required to participate fully in all investigations within the timescales requested by the Council
- 41.7 The Contractor should note that if a complaint is made to the Council by a third party relating to the goods, services or works provided, the Local Government Ombudsman has the power to investigate such a complaint and the Council requires the Contractor to fully to co-operate in such investigation. If the Council is found guilty of maladministration or injustice by the Local Government Ombudsman because of the act or default of the Contractor the Contractor shall indemnify the Council in respect of the costs arising from such maladministration or injustice.

42 DISPUTES

- 42.1 If any dispute or difference shall arise between the parties as to the construction of this Agreement or any matter or thing of whatever nature arising under this Agreement or in connection with it then the same shall be dealt with as follows:-
- 42.1.1 In the first instance a special meeting of both the Parties shall be arranged on 14 days written notice to the other party and the matter shall be discussed and the representatives shall use their reasonable endeavors to resolve the dispute
- 42.1.2 If the dispute cannot be resolved in accordance with the preceding sub-clause then either one of the Parties may serve the Council's Chief Executive or the Contractor's senior officer or such other authorised officer of either party whose details have been notified to the other party, with notice of the dispute and those officers shall then appoint their representative to adjudicate and use their reasonable endeavors to resolve the dispute within 21 days of receipt of such notice

Additional definitions for clauses 43 and 44	
"Security Plan"	the Contractor's security plan prepared pursuant [<i>to paragraph 3 of schedule 2.5 (Security Requirements and Plan) an outline of which is set out in Appendix of schedule 2.5 (Security Requirements)</i>];
"Staff Vetting Procedures"	the Council's procedures and policies for the vetting of personnel whose role will involve the handling of information of a sensitive or confidential nature or the handling of information which is subject to any relevant security measures.

43 STAFFING SECURITY

- 43.1 The Contractor shall comply with the Staff Vetting Procedures in respect of all Contractor Personnel employed or engaged in the provision of the Services. The Contractor confirms that all Contractor Personnel employed or engaged by the Contractor at the commencement of this agreement were vetted and recruited on a basis that is equivalent to and no less strict than the Staff Vetting Procedures.

- 43.2 The Contractor shall provide training on a continuing basis for all Contractor Personnel employed or engaged in the provision of the Services in compliance with the Security Policy and Security Plan

44 SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

- 44.1 The Contractor shall comply, and shall procure the compliance of the Contractor Personnel, with the Security Policy and the Security Plan and the Contractor shall ensure that the Security Plan produced by the Contractor fully complies with the Security Policy.

- 44.2 The Council shall notify the Contractor of any changes or proposed changes to the Security Policy.

- 44.3 If the Contractor believes that a change or proposed change to the Security Policy will have a material and unavoidable cost implication to the Services it may submit a request for the Agreement to be varied in respect of any charges or fees payable under the Agreement. In doing so, the Contractor must support its request by providing evidence of the cause of any increased costs and the steps that it has taken to mitigate those costs.

- 44.4 Until and/or unless a change to the charges or costs is agreed by the Council pursuant to this clause the Contractor shall continue to perform the Services in accordance with its existing obligations



Tender Response Document

SMC 001

***Shropshire Community Support
Service for children with disabilities***

Name of TENDERING
ORGANISATION
(please insert)

Action for Children Services Ltd.

Shropshire Council Tender Response Document

Contract Description:

**Community Support Service for children with disabilities
(After school, weekend and holiday activity)**

Instructions for the completion of this document

1. This document must be completed in its entirety with responses being given to all questions. If you are unsure of any section and require further clarification, please contact: [REDACTED], tel [REDACTED] [REDACTED] or via email quoting the contract reference to procurement@shropshire.gov.uk
2. Tenderers must also complete and sign the four certificates in Sections A1 to A4. These must be signed;
 - a) Where the tenderer is an individual, by that individual;
 - b) Where the tenderer is a partnership, by two duly authorised partners;
 - c) Where the tenderer is a company, by two directors or by a director and the secretary of the company, such persons being duly authorised for the purpose.
3. All questions require specific responses from you relating to the organisation named in Section B Question 1.1. All information supplied must be accurate and up to date. The Council reserves the right to refuse to consider your application if the Tender Response Document is not fully completed or is found to be inaccurate.
4. Where copies of certificates and other details are requested **a copy must** accompany the **hard copy** of your Tender Response Document.

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Award Criteria

Tenderers will be evaluated on the answers they provide in the 'Tender Response Document'. The following award criteria is made up of 'pass/fail' (selection) questions and 'weighted marked' (award) questions and shows how each section is to be marked.

Selection Criteria - Pass/Fail Questions

This information will be provided for proof of compliance and will be judged on a pass or fail basis. Tenderers must comply with these issues to demonstrate their proven competence, financial stability, resources and other arrangements. Questions marked 'For information only' will not be assessed; however they must still be answered in full.

Section / Question No.	Selection Criteria
Section B / Q 1 & 2	Applicant details – For information only
Section C / Q 1 & 2	Adequate Financial Stability & Insurance
Section D / Q 1 & 2	Adequate Outstanding Claims & Terminations
Section E / Q 1 & 2	Adequate Health & Safety and Equal Opportunities
Section F / Q 1 & 2	Adequate Experience and References
Section G / Q 1	Adequate Accreditations and Skills Level

Section C Financial viability: Responses will be analysed and evaluated by the Authority's Audit sections and will include checks via an independent agency (currently Equifax).

If the financial analysis of the Applicant (please note financial information provided by consortium members will be evaluated to assess the Applicant consortium as a whole) gives cause for concern as to its ability to deliver the Contract, the Applicant will fail this section.

If the financial analysis of the Applicant does not give any cause for concern as to its ability to deliver the Contract – it shall be deemed to have passed the section.

Please note the Contracting Authority reserves the right to further check the Financial Stability and Capacity of an applicant prior to any award of contract in the manner set out above in order to ensure that they still pass that requirement.

Section D Outcome of previous contracts: If in the opinion of the Contracting Authority the nature and level of outstanding claims and previous contract early terminations casts serious doubt on the Applicant's ability to perform this contract, they may be excluded.

Section E Health & Safety and Equalities: If in the opinion of the Contracting Authority the responses in this section are sufficiently poor as to cast serious doubt on the Applicant's abilities to perform this contract safely or to perform this contract with due regard for equalities, they may be excluded.

Section F Experience and References & G Accreditations and Skills Level: If, in the opinion of the Contracting Authority the responses in this section are sufficiently poor as to cast serious doubt on the Applicant's abilities to perform this contract they may be excluded.

Award Criteria – Weighted Marked Questions

Tenders will be evaluated on the answers provided in this Tender Response Document and judged against the criteria shown in the table below. The following award criteria is made up of 'Quality' and 'Price' and shows how each criteria is to be weighted against each other.

Section / Question No.	Award Criteria	Weighting / Max Marks Available
Price 30% (30 marks)		
Section H / Q 1.1	Value for money	15% / 15 max marks
Section H / Q 1.2	Budget	10% / 10 max marks
Section H / Q 1.3	Effective governance & processes	5% / 5 max marks
Total for price		30% / 30 max marks
Quality 70% (70 marks)		
Section H / Q 2.2	Able to be lead provider	5% / 5 max marks
Section H / Q 2.3	Effective organisation of service delivery	15% / 15 max marks
Section H / Q 2.4	Effective methodology for ensuring equitable and fair access	10% / 10 max marks
Section H / Q 2.5	Effective approach to service user participation	10% / 10 max marks
Section H / Q 2.6	Effective approach to support development of existing resources in the community	5% / 5 max marks
Section H / Q 2.7	Commitment to principles of service standards	10% / 10 max marks
Section H / Q 2.8	Effective implementation plan	10% / 10 max marks
Section H / Q 2.9	Able to respond to future developments	5% / 5 max marks
Total for quality		70% / 70 max marks

Quality Questions/ Scoring Scheme

Questions within the quality sections shown above will be scored using the following scoring scheme. Each answer from the questions identified below will be given a mark between 0 and 10 with the following meanings:

Assessment	Mark	Interpretation
Excellent	10	<i>Exceeds the requirement. Exceptional demonstration by the Tenderer of how they will meet this requirement by their allocation of skills and understanding, resources and quality measures. Response identifies factors that demonstrate added value, with evidence to support the response.</i>
	9	
Good	8	<i>Satisfies the requirement with minor additional benefits Above average demonstration by the Tenderer of how they will meet this requirement by their allocation of skills and understanding, resources and quality measures. Response identifies factors that demonstrate added value, with evidence to support the response.</i>

	7	
Acceptable	6	<i>Satisfies the requirement. Demonstration by the Tenderer of how they will meet this requirement by their allocation of skills and understanding, resources and quality measures, with evidence to support the response.</i>
	5	
Minor Reservations	4	<i>Satisfies the requirement with minor reservations Some minor reservations regarding how the Tenderer will meet this requirement by their allocation of skills and understanding, resources and quality measures, with limited evidence to support the response.</i>
	3	
Serious Reservations	2	<i>Satisfies the requirement with major reservations. Considerable reservations regarding how the Tenderer will meet this requirement by their allocation of skills and understanding, resources and quality measures, with little or no evidence to support the response.</i>
	1	
Unacceptable	0	<i>Does not meet the requirement Does not comply and/or insufficient information provided to demonstrate how the Tenderer will meet this requirement by their allocation of skills and understanding, resources and quality measures, with little or no evidence to support the response.</i>

The use of odd numbers indicates an answer's allocated mark lies between definitions.

The tender receiving the highest mark for each category will receive the full % available for that category. Other tenders will receive a % that reflects the difference in the marks between those tenders and the tender receiving the highest mark for that category.

Price Evaluation and scoring

The most competitively priced tender will receive the maximum mark for price being 15. Less competitive tenders will receive a % of the maximum mark that represents the difference in cost between that tender and the most competitively priced tender.

Section A:
1. Form of Tender

Form of Tender

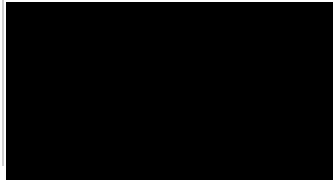
Shropshire Council

Tender for Shropshire Community Support Service for children with disabilities

We confirm that this, our tender, represents an offer to Shropshire Council that if accepted in whole, or in part, will create a binding contract for the provision of Community Support Service for children with disabilities at the prices and terms agreed and subject to the terms of the invitation to tender documentation and the General Terms and Conditions, copies of which we have received.

Signed:

Name:



Date: 23rd January 2013

Designation: Children's Services Manager, West Midlands Disability

Company: Action for Children Services Ltd.

Address:

Action for Children Services Ltd.

3 The Boulevard,

Ascot Road,

Watford

Post Code: WD18 8AG

Section A:
2. Non-Canvassing Certificate

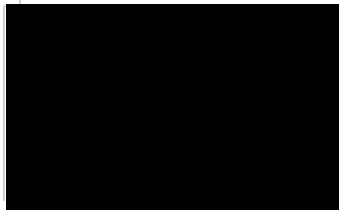
Non-Canvassing Certificate

To: Shropshire Council (hereinafter called "the Council")

We hereby certify that We have not canvassed or solicited any member officer or employee of the Council in connection with the award of this Tender of any other Tender or proposed Tender for the Services and that no person employed by us or acting on our behalf has done any such act.

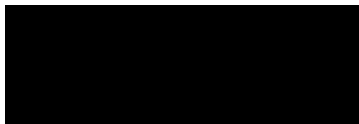
We further hereby undertake that We will not in the future canvass or solicit any member officer or employee of the Council in connection with the award of this Tender or any other Tender or proposed Tender for the Services and that no person employed by us or acting on our behalf will do any such act.

Signed (1)



Status: Children's Services Manager, West Midlands Disability

Signed (2)



Status: Operational Director of Children's Services

(For and on behalf of Action for Children Services Ltd.)

Date 23rd January 2013

Section A: **3. Non-Collusive Tendering Certificate**

Non-collusive Tendering Certificate

To: Shropshire Council (hereinafter called “the Council”)

The essence of selective tendering is that the Council shall receive bona fide competitive Tenders from all persons tendering. In recognition of this principle:

We certify that this is a bona fide Tender, intended to be competitive and that We have not fixed or adjusted the amount of the Tender or the rates and prices quoted by or under or in accordance with any agreement or arrangement with any other person.

We also certify that We have not done and undertake that We will not do at any time any of the following acts:-

- (a) communicating to a person other than the Council the amount or approximate amount of our proposed Tender (other than in confidence in order to obtain quotations necessary for the preparation of the Tender for insurance); or
- (b) entering into any agreement or arrangement with any other person that he shall refrain from Tendering or as to the amount of any Tender to be submitted; or
- (c) offering or agreeing to pay or give or paying any sum of money, inducement or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having done or causing or having caused to be done in relation to any other Tender or proposed Tender for the Services any act or omission.

Signed (1) 


Status: Children's Services Manager, West Midlands Disability

Signed (2) 


Status: Operational Director of Children's Services

(For and on behalf of Action for Children Services Ltd.)

Date: 23rd January 2013

Section A:
4. Declaration of Connection with Officers or Elected Members of the Council

Are you or any of your staff who will be affected by this invitation to tender related or connected in any way with any Shropshire Council Elected Councillor or Employee?

No

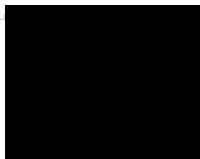
If yes, please give details:

Name	Relationship
N/A	N/A

Please note:

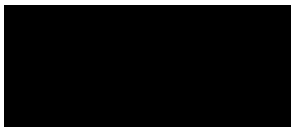
This information is collected to enable the Council to ensure that tenders are assessed without favouritism. Whether or not you have a connection with elected members or employees will have no bearing on the success of your tender, but your tender will not be considered unless this declaration has been completed.

Signed (1)



██████████
Status: Children's Services Manager, West Midlands Disability

Signed (2)



██████████
Status: Operational Director of Children's Services

(For and on behalf of Action for Children Services Ltd.)

Section B: Applicant Organisation Details

1.	Applicant Details	
1.1	Name of contracting Company/Organisation: Action for Children Services Ltd. Address: 3 The Boulevard, Ascot Road, Watford, Postcode: WD18 8AG Tel: 01923 361500 Email: Tenders@actionforchildren.org.uk	
1.2	Registered name (if different from above): Action for Children Services Ltd. Registered Office Address: 3 The Boulevard, Ascot Road, Watford, Postcode: WD18 8AG Company registration number: 2332388	
1.3	Details of the individual completing this application and to which we may correspond: Name: ██████████ Job title: Children's Services Manager, West Midlands Disability Correspondence Address: 3 The Boulevard, Ascot Road, Watford, Postcode: WD18 8AG Tel: 01923 361500 Email: ██████████	
1.4	Type of Organisation (please <u>tick</u> all those appropriate):	
(a)	Sole trader	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c)	Private Limited Company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(d)	Public Limited Company	<input type="checkbox"/>

(e)	Charity/Social enterprise	
(f)	Franchise	
(g)	Public Sector Organisation	
1.5	<p>Are you a Small or Medium Sized Enterprise (SME) <i>*An SME can be defined as an enterprise which employs fewer than 250 people</i></p> <p>If No, Please confirm you are an enterprise which employs more than 250 people</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>YES</p>

2.	Company History/Background	
2.1	Date Company established: Action for Children Services Ltd was incorporated on the 3 rd January 1989	
2.2	Is the applicant a subsidiary of another company as defined by the Companies Act 1985?	YES
2.3	<p>If YES to 2.2 give the following details of the Holding/Parent Company:</p> <p>Registered Name: Action for Children</p> <p>Registered Address: 3 The Boulevard, Ascot Road, Watford,</p> <p>Postcode: WD18 8AG</p> <p>Registration Number: Action for Children Registered Company no. 4764232 and Charity number 1097940</p>	
2.4	How many years has your company been providing a community support service for children with disabilities ?	■ years
2.5	Total number of employees: ■	
2.6	<p>Total number of employees engaged solely in the provision of a community support service for children with disabilities?</p> <p>■</p>	

Section C: Financial & Insurance Information

1.	Insurance Details	
*	<p><i>Why do we need to know this?</i></p> <p><i>We need to ensure that all of our suppliers have adequate insurance. The Council has set minimum insurance requirements which all companies working with the Council must adhere to.</i></p> <p><i>Please note that on some limited occasions the council may agree to vary these levels dependant on the nature of the contract.</i></p>	
1.1 (a)	Please Confirm that you hold a minimum of £5,000,000 Public Liability Insurance	YES
(b)	<p>Please detail the relevant policy information and state if any conditions or exceptions apply to the policy.</p> <p>Name of Insurance Company Zurich Municipal</p> <p>Date policy taken out ■■■■■■■■</p> <p>Expiry date of the policy ■■■■■■■■</p> <p>Policy number/reference ■■■■■■■■</p> <p>Conditions/Exceptions ■■■■■■■■</p>	
1.2 (a)	Please confirm that you hold a minimum of £5,000,000 Employer’s Liability Insurance	YES
(b)	<p>Please detail the relevant policy information and state if any conditions or exceptions apply to the policy.</p> <p>Name of Insurance Company Zurich Municipal</p> <p>Date policy taken out ■■■■■■■■</p> <p>Expiry date of the policy ■■■■■■■■</p> <p>Policy number/reference ■■■■■■■■</p> <p>Conditions/Exceptions ■■■■■■■■</p>	
1.3	Please enclose photocopies of your Certificates of Insurance duly signed as authentic copies of the originals	Enclosed YES
2.	Financial Details	
*	<p><i>Why do we need to know this?</i></p> <p><i>Financial details are required in order to check that your company has sufficient</i></p>	

	<p><i>financial resources to undertake the contract. This information will also ensure that your company is in a stable position and is likely to fulfil the contract for the period required.</i></p> <p><i>How the Council evaluates this information will vary given the nature of the contract to be awarded.</i></p>																				
2.1	<p>Please provide a brief summary of your annual turnover and profit in the last 3 years. (Please insert figures – do not refer to attached accounts) Also provide copies of your last 3 years audited accounts. If audited accounts are not available please provide copies of your management accounts</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin: 10px 0;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3" style="text-align: center;"><u>Company</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Accounts Enclosed</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Year</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Turnover</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Profit(Loss)</u></th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2009/10</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£ [REDACTED]</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£ [REDACTED]</td> <td style="text-align: center;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2010/11</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£ [REDACTED]</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£ [REDACTED]</td> <td style="text-align: center;">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2011/12</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£ [REDACTED]0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£ [REDACTED]</td> <td style="text-align: center;">YES</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(If exact figures are not available please provide your best estimate of the figures required)</p>	<u>Company</u>			Accounts Enclosed	<u>Year</u>	<u>Turnover</u>	<u>Profit(Loss)</u>		2009/10	£ [REDACTED]	£ [REDACTED]	YES	2010/11	£ [REDACTED]	£ [REDACTED]	YES	2011/12	£ [REDACTED]0	£ [REDACTED]	YES
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Section D:
Outstanding Claims and Contract Terminations

1. Outstanding Claims / County Court Judgements	
1.1	Do you have any outstanding claims, litigations or judgements against your organisation? NO
1.2	If YES to 1.1 please provide further details. N/A

2. Contract Terminations/Deductions	
2.1	Please give details of all contracts in the last 3 years which have been terminated early giving the name of the client company/authority, the date of termination and the reasons for termination. N/A
2.2	Please give details of all fines, penalties or deductions incurred in the last 3 years as a result of non-performance under any contract. N/A

Section E: Health & Safety and Equal Opportunities

1.	Health & Safety at Work	
*	<p><i>Why do we need to know this?</i></p> <p><i>We need to ensure that all companies that work with Shropshire Council are able to operate safely. We assess this by asking questions about arrangements at the contract stage and continue to monitor ongoing performance with all companies working on our behalf.</i></p> <p><i>Health & safety measures do not have to be expensive, time consuming or complicated – especially for smaller companies. In fact, safer and more efficient working practices can save money and greatly improve working conditions for employees. Shropshire Council is committed to promoting safe and proportionate working practices to companies as it recognises the benefits this can bring for companies competing for business both for local authority contracts and elsewhere.</i></p> <p><i>Information to help small companies is available on the Health and Safety Executive's (HSE) website.</i></p> <p><i>Health and Safety Executive's website: http://www.hse.gov.uk/</i></p> <p><i>Looking after your Business: http://www.hse.gov.uk/business/</i></p> <p><i>Getting Started Step-by-step: http://www.hse.gov.uk/business/must-do.htm</i></p>	
1.1	<p>Does your organisation have a formal health and safety policy or statement?</p> <p>*(if you employ 5 or more employees you are required to produce a Health and Safety Policy/Statement under the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974)</p> <p>Please tick here if copy enclosed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	YES
1.2	<p>Do you currently hold any external health and safety accreditations, such as CHAS (Contractors Health and Safety Assessment Scheme), or equivalent?</p>	YES
1.3	<p>If YES to 1.2 please supply the following details as well as a copy of any certificates.</p> <p>Accrediting Organisation: CHAS (Contractors Health and Safety Assessment Scheme)</p> <p>Reference No: ██████████</p> <p>Date accreditation expires or is to be renewed: ██████████</p> <p>Please tick here if a copy of certificate attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	

1.4	Has your company been served with an enforcement notice or been prosecuted in the past 3 years for breaches of health and safety legislation?	YES
1.5	<p>If YES to 1.4 please give details of the prosecution or notice (and what measures you have taken to ensure the issue(s) will not re-occur).</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ [REDACTED]■ [REDACTED]■ [REDACTED] <p><i>Important note: Based on compliance these Notices have now been discharged.</i></p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ [REDACTED]■ [REDACTED]■ [REDACTED]	

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1.8	Do you have a health and safety training programme for employees?	YES
1.9	<p>If YES to 1.8 please state what training has been given.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	

<p>1.13</p>	<p>Does your company consult with employees on health and safety?</p> <p>If YES, please give details below.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] ■ [REDACTED] 	<p>YES</p>
<p>1.14</p>	<p>Will you be using any sub contractors as part of this contract?</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>1.15</p>	<p>If YES to 1.14 please give details of who your sub contractors are.</p> <p>N/A</p>	
<p>1.16</p>	<p>If YES to 1.14 how do you ensure they are competent?</p> <p>N/A</p>	

1.17	<p>Where do you get your competent health and safety advice?</p> <p>[Redacted text block]</p>
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2.	Equal Opportunities	
*	<p><i>Why do we need to know this?</i></p> <p><i>The equality duties placed on public authorities requires the Council to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination.</i></p> <p><i>We need to ensure all companies that work with Shropshire Council comply with both UK and EU regulations regarding equal opportunities and discrimination law. The Council actively promotes equal opportunities in procurement and partnership.</i></p> <p><i>The Council also needs to ensure that there are no outstanding claims against your organisation regarding discrimination.</i></p> <p><i>Information to help small companies is available at:</i></p> <p><i>Equality and Human Rights Commission -</i> http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/advice-and-guidance/here-for-business/</p> <p><i>Useful links for guidance & Information -</i> http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/advice-and-guidance/here-for-business/guidance-for-small-and-medium-size-businesses/related-links/</p>	
2.1	<p>Do you have an Equal Opportunities Policy or statement which complies with your statutory obligation under UK/EU equalities and discrimination legislation (or equivalent legislation and regulations in the countries in which you employ staff) and, accordingly, your practice not to treat one group of people less favourably in relation to race or ethnic origin, disability, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief or age?</p> <p>- UK/EU equalities and discrimination legislation includes:- - Human Rights Act 1998 - Equality Act 2010</p>	Enclosed YES
2.2	<p>As a contractor providing a public service on behalf of a local authority, you have a duty to comply with the General Duties of the Public Sector Equality Duty as outlined below.</p> <p>Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation that is unlawful under the Equality Act 2010; Advance equality of opportunity between those who share protected characteristics and those who do not; Foster good relations between those who share protected characteristics and those who do not.</p> <p>How do you promote equality towards both service users and employees as part of your operations?</p>	

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2.3	In the last 3 years, has any claim or finding of unlawful discrimination been made against your organisation by any court?	NO
2.4	If YES to 2.3, please give details. N/A	
2.5	In the last 3 years, has your organisation been the subject of formal investigation by the Equality and Human Rights Commission?	NO
2.6	If YES to 2.5, please give details. N/A	
2.7	(NB Organisations with less than 5 employees are not required to respond to questions 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9) Is your policy on equality and diversity set out? (a) In instructions to those concerned with recruitment, training and promotion?	YES YES

	<p>(b) In documents available to employees, recognised trade unions or other representative groups or employees</p> <p>(c) In recruitment advertisements or other literature?</p> <p>Please supply relevant examples of the instructions, documents, recruitment advertisements or other literature.</p> <p>Please see Appendices 2.7 for Recruitment Advert, Recruitment and Selection Policy, Screen Shot AfC Intranet and Code of Conduct Policy.</p> <p>Please tick here if enclosed <input data-bbox="1002 551 1075 613" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p>
<p>2.8</p>	<p>Do you endeavour to both eliminate discrimination amongst your workforce, and also promote the diversity of your workforce e.g. do you take steps to encourage people from under-represented groups to apply for jobs or take up training opportunities?</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>	
<p>2.9</p>	<p>Is it your policy as part of your grievance process to include in that grievance process all complaints relating to race or ethnic origin, disability, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief, or age. Furthermore, do you include in your grievance process any complaints related to being victimised or harassed as a consequence of bringing a grievance?</p> <p>Provide evidence of the above.</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>	

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2.10	Organisation with less than 5 employees must confirm below that they will meet the requirements set out in questions 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9 if they increase their number of staff above 5. Confirmed	N/A

Section F: Contract Experience and References

1. Contract Experience and References					
1.1	Please list below up to a maximum of 10 similar contracts undertaken by your company in the past 3 years or currently being handled. Any previous Public Sector experience will be of particular interest. Please note that the Council reserves the right to seek references from other Local Authorities where your organisation is believed to deliver a similar service. We do this to ensure that we have all available information on your ability to deliver the service.				
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2.1	<p>Please set out below why you feel your organisation is well placed to undertake this contract. You should include in your answer a brief history of your organisation and details of any previous similar contracts and experience in order to illustrate proven competency for the required services.</p> <p>[Redacted text block]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">[Redacted list item][Redacted list item][Redacted list item][Redacted list item][Redacted list item] <p>[Redacted text block]</p> <p>[Redacted text block]</p> <p>[Redacted text block]</p>

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Section G: Accreditations and Skills Level

1.	Accreditations			
1.1	<p>Please list any professional or trade organisations by which your company is accredited. You should only list those that are relevant to this contract and which will support your application i.e. Managers – minimum of Level 4 equivalent management related qualification Team/staff leader – minimum of Level 3 equivalent health or social care related qualification.</p> <p>Please state whether the award belongs to the company or an individual.</p>			
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	Please provide copies of the certificates you have given above or other proof of the qualifications.			Enclosed YES	
1.2	Please state any formal quality assurance systems relevant to this contract, which your company operates i.e. (e.g. relevant ISO equivalent) <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>				
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1.2 Breakdown of costs by resources for all 4 parts

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1.2B Please describe how you have arrived at your estimate for activities costs

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1.2C Please describe how you have arrived at your estimate for other costs and what this includes

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1.2D Please describe your approach to financial contributions from families and the reasons for your approach. This could include considerations to siblings, family days, any discounts, payment methods, cancellations, additional private payments from parents and anything else you believe is relevant.

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1.3 Please describe your approach of ensuring value for money and working within your budgets. This includes details of your financial governance and internal processes:

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2.3 Please provide detail of your approach to delivering all parts of the service, including what you intend to deliver yourself and if relevant, what you intend to deliver via a partner organisation(s)
(approx. 500 words for each section)

Include information on

- Number and characteristics of service users
- Type, quantity and frequency of activities
- Staffing: roles and responsibilities
- Operational arrangements, including access
- Approach to needs and risk assessments
- How you believe this will meet outcomes defined by parents
- How you believe this will meet what we know about demand
- How you are planning to evaluate service user experience and satisfaction

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2.4 Please provide detail of your methodology of ensuring that access to activities will be fair and equitable. This is of particular importance if you are planning to collaborate with another provider:

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2.5 Please provide detail of your approach to involving parents and children in your service development. In particular we would like to know how you have fostered a culture where parents and children feel confident to make suggestions for improvement:

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2.6 Please provide detail of how your approach will contribute to the outcome of developing existing resources in the community:
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2.7 Please provide detail of how your approach will link to the principles on which our service standards will be based:

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2.8 Please provide a detailed timetable and implementation plan. This should include the possibility of transfer from another provider:

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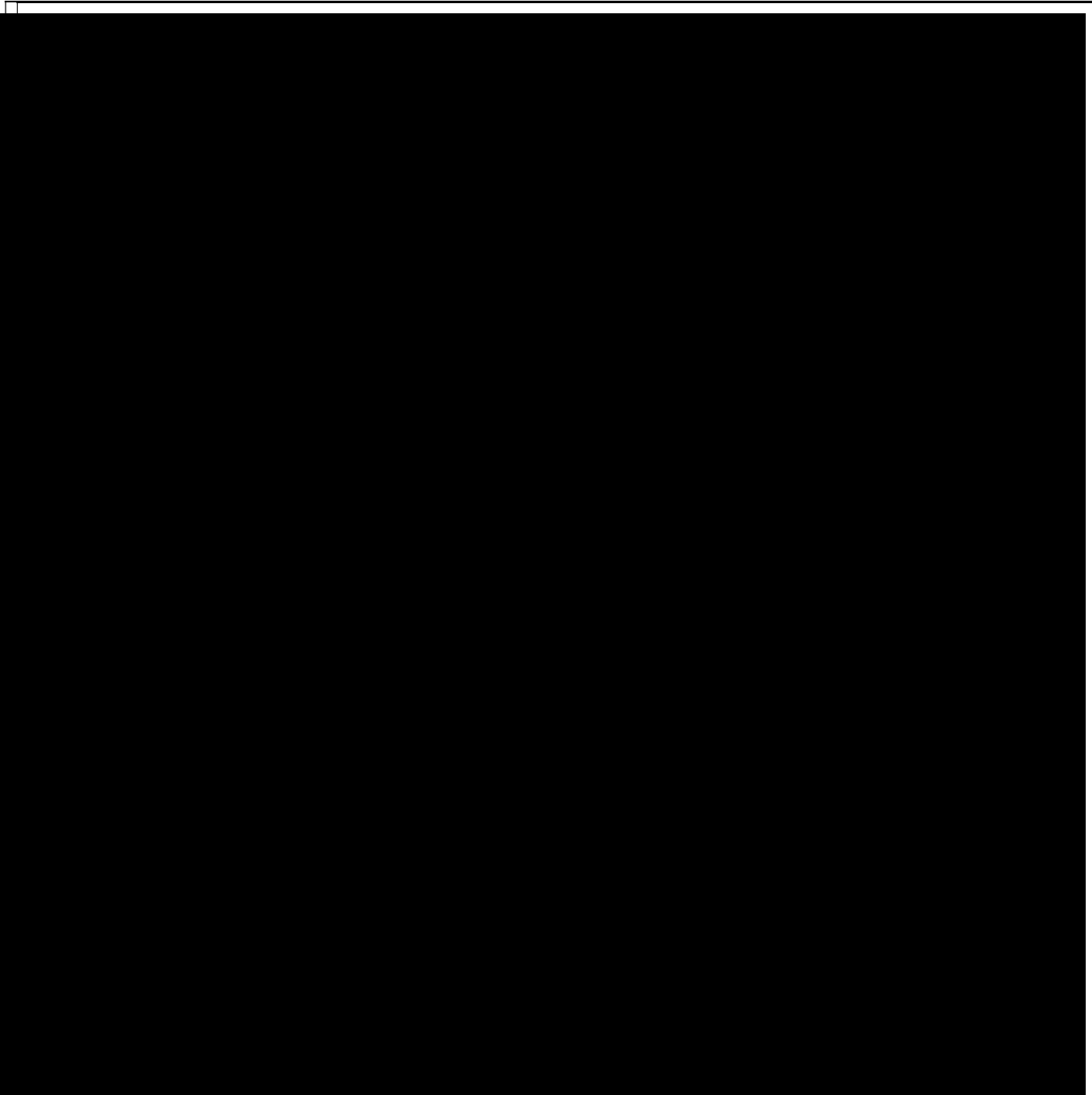
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2.9 Thinking ahead – Please provide details of how you ensure sustainability in light of future regulatory, legislative and financial developments:

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2.3 Please provide detail of your approach to delivering all parts of the service, including what you intend to deliver yourself and if relevant, what you intend to deliver via a partner organisation(s)
(approx. 500 words for each section)

Include information on

- Number and characteristics of service users
- Type, quantity and frequency of activities
- Staffing: roles and responsibilities
- Operational arrangements, including access
- Approach to needs and risk assessments
- How you believe this will meet outcomes defined by parents
- How you believe this will meet what we know about demand
- How you are planning to evaluate service user experience and satisfaction

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<p>B</p>	<p>Outreach activity at the weekend and after school (4-18)</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	

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2.5 Please provide detail of your approach to involving parents and children in your service development. In particular we would like to know how you have fostered a culture where parents and children feel confident to make suggestions for improvement:

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2.6 Please provide detail of how your approach will contribute to the outcome of developing existing resources in the community:
(as referred to in 'vision' of specification)

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Action for Children Services Ltd

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[REDACTED]

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Shirehall
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Shrewsbury
Shropshire SY2 6ND

Date: 21st February 2013

My Ref:

Your Ref:

Dear Graeme

SMC 001 – Shropshire Community Support Service for children with disabilities

SUBJECT TO CONTRACT

This is an Award Decision Notice pursuant to Regulation 32 of The Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (the "Regulations").

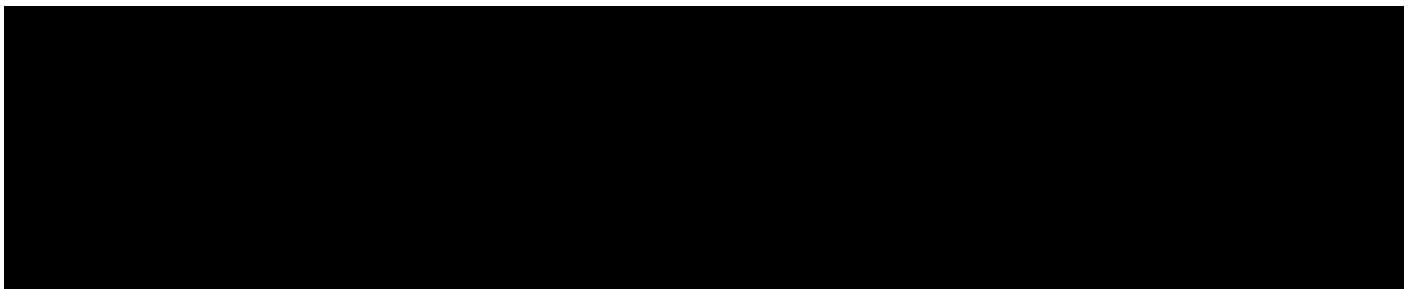
We are pleased to inform you that, following the evaluation process, Shropshire Council proposes to accept Action for Children's offer of the above service as set out in your recent tender and subject to the further discussions regarding the following points:

1. Details of implementation of all year holiday scheme (Part C)
2. Details of implementation of residential opportunities (Part D)
3. Satisfactory Equifax check

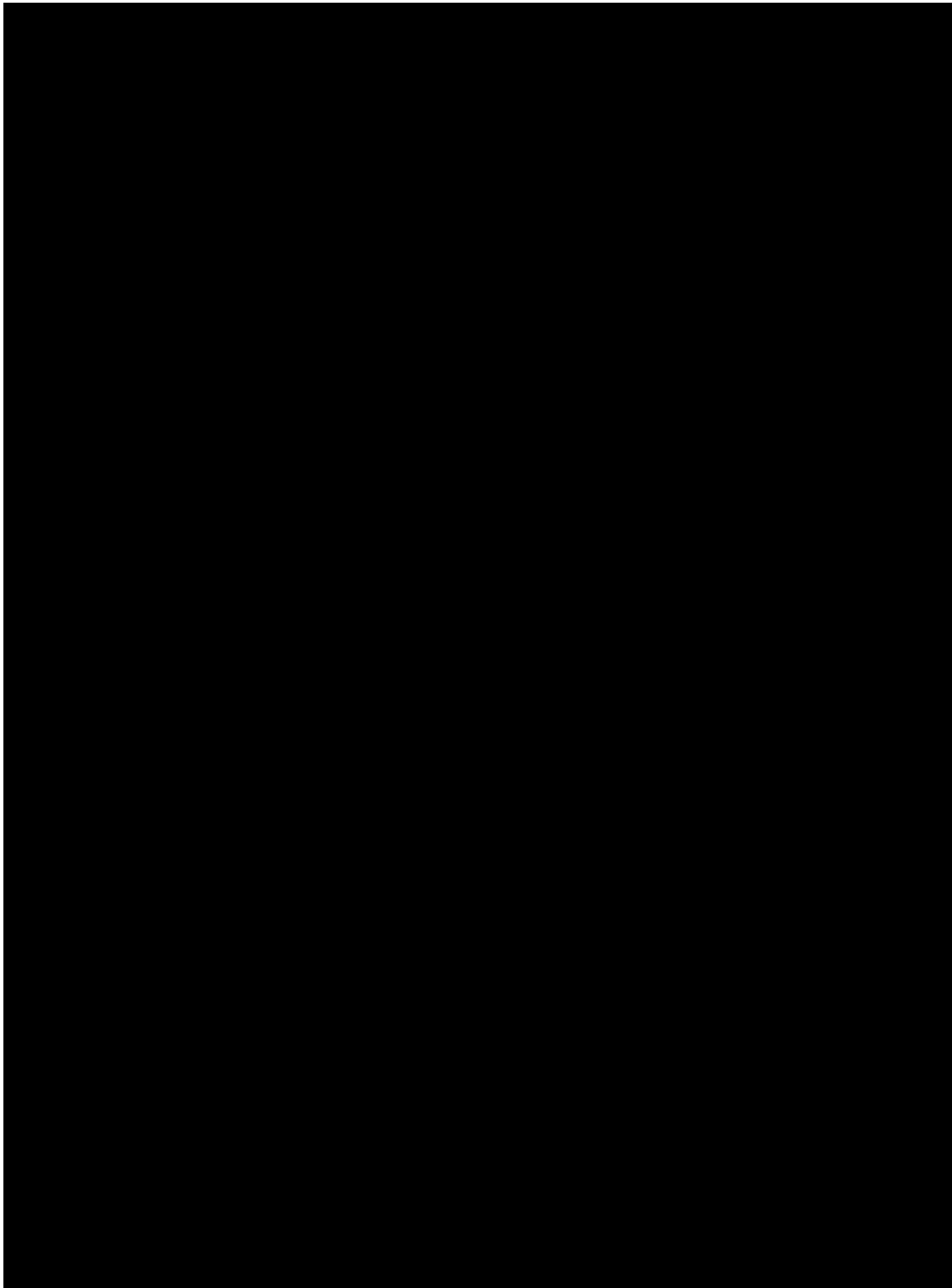
However, this letter is not, at this stage, a communication of Shropshire Council's formal acceptance of your offer. A mandatory "standstill" period is now in force pursuant to Regulation 32A of the Regulations; this period will end at midnight on 7th March 2013.

Subject to Shropshire Council receiving no notice during the standstill period of any intention to legally challenge the award process, the Council aims to conclude the award of the contract after the expiry of the standstill period.

The award criteria for this contract were set out in full in the Invitation to Tender. We can confirm that your tender received the following scores and ranking:-



Please find details of the marks allocated to you and the reasoning behind the marks as follows:-



personal info

I will be in touch with you again at the end of the standstill period. I will be in touch to arrange a meeting to discuss the items mentioned above. Also, if you would find it helpful, I would be happy to give you further feedback on your application.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, and your team, for the time and effort it has taken to submit a tender response.

Yours sincerely

