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Title of report: Gateway 1: Procurement PID Housing First

Report : A report to procurement board on the need to tender for support services to continue with the Housing First project. Housing First is an internationally recognised model which provides open ended intensive support with a person led approach to help maintain accommodation and end the cycle of homelessness for the most entrenched rough sleepers.

What evidence/data is being used to support this equality analysis? Please select all that apply.: Project KPI's and reporting since 2018.

Service area: Housing Advice

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Links to supporting documents where available:

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What is proposed?: Ipswich borough council has led on a Housing First project since 2018. The existing support services contracts both end on 31st March 2023 and we need to procure support to cover the period from 01/04/2023-31/03/2025.

Why are the changes being introduced?: There will be no change to the existing project requirements, this form is being completed as part of the procurement process

What evidence is being used to support this Equality Impact Assessment, and how is it being used?: IBC has been leading on this project since 2018. We have collected data around the service users and outcomes since this time.

How will this change be implemented?: Upon completion of the procurement support providers will be engaged to deliver the intensive wrap around support for the Housing First service users. This will be described in the contract specifications. Providers must comply with all duties under the Equalities Act and this will be determined by assessing tenders. The project is open to all assessed rough sleepers who meet the criteria of being entrenched in chaotic lifestyles and willing to engage with the project to make positive changes and establish a home in the community.

Age: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: The service is open to all qualifying rough sleepers aged over 18 who are able to hold a tenancy.

Disability: Positive

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: The service is open to all qualifying rough sleepers, many of whom have a disability either physical or mental health related.

Marriage & Civil Partnership: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: The service is open to all rough sleepers regardless of marital status.

Race: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: The service is open to all qualifying rough sleepers regardless of race.

Pregnancy & Maternity: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: While the project is for single homeless people we would support someone in housing first who later became pregnant.

Religion or Belief: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: The project is open to all eligible homeless people regardless of religion or belief

Gender Reassignment: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: This project is open to all eligible homeless people regardless of gender

Sex: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: This project is open to all eligible homeless people regardless of sex

Sexual Orientation: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: This project is open to all eligible homeless people regardless of sexual orientation

I can confirm the report does meet Ipswich Borough Council's equality objectives: I can confirm the report does meet Ipswich Borough Council's equality objectives

The report helps us to 'eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment & victimisation' in the following way(s): This project has a hugely positive impact on marginalised homeless people by supporting them to move away from harmful lifestyles on the street where they can be subject to abuse and discrimination.

The report helps us to 'advance equality of opportunity...' in the following way(s): This project supports people to make positive changes to their lives and engage in activities they may have been excluded from as a rough sleeper without access to support e.g. health services, volunteering and employment.

The policy helps us to 'foster good relations...' in the following way(s): The project seeks to make positive changes to the individuals we support and in time encourage the service users to engage back in their communities.

The new provisions will be reviewed in the following way(s): The project is reviewed bi-monthly at the rough sleeper steering group meetings.
