



SCRUTINY BOARD (ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS)

Call-In Meeting to be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds Civic Hall, Leeds on
Wednesday, 3rd June, 2009 at 10.00 am *
* (No pre-meeting)

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

- B Anderson (Chair) - Adel and Wharfedale;
A Blackburn - Farnley and Wortley;
A Castle - Harewood;
D Coupar - Middleton Park;
R Downes - Otley and Yeadon;
D Hollingsworth - Burmantofts and Richmond Hill;
K Hussain - Hyde Park and Woodhouse;
G Hyde - Killingbeck and Seacroft;
J Jarosz - Pudsey;
J Marjoram - Calverley and Farsley;
L Mulherin - Ardsley and Robin Hood;
M Rafique - Chapel Allerton;

Please note: Certain or all items on this agenda may be recorded on tape

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A G E N D A

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1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 25 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded.)</p> <p>(*In accordance with Procedure Rule 25, written notice of an appeal must be received by the Chief Democratic Services Officer at least 24 hours before the meeting)</p>	
2			<p>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.</p> <p>2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.</p> <p>3 If so, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:-</p> <p>No exempt items or information have been identified on this agenda</p>	

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5			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
6			<p>CALL-IN OF DECISION - BRIEFING PAPER</p> <p>To consider a report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development.</p>	1 - 4
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8			<p>OUTCOME OF CALL-IN</p> <p>In accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, to consider the Board's formal conclusions and recommendation(s) arising from consideration of the Called-In decision.</p>	



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Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

Date: 3rd June 2009

Subject: CALL IN OF DECISION – BRIEFING PAPER

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, an officer decision has been Called In.¹ The background papers to this particular decision are set out as a separate agenda item and appropriate witnesses have been invited to give supporting evidence.
- 1.2 This report advises the Scrutiny Board on the procedural aspects of Calling In the decision.
- 1.3 The Board is advised that the Call In is specific to the report considered under the officer delegation decision scheme and issues outside of this decision, including other related decisions, may not be considered as part of the Board's decision regarding the outcome of the Call In.

2.0 REVIEWING THE DECISION

- 2.1 The process of reviewing the decision is as follows:
 - Members who have requested the Call In invited to explain their concern/reason for Call In request.
 - Relevant Officer(s) asked to explain decision.
 - Further questioning from the Board as appropriate.

¹ Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules Paragraph 22

- 2.2 Members are reminded that it is only the decision Called In that the Board can make any recommendation on.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD

- 3.1 Having reviewed the decision, the Scrutiny Board will need to agree what action it wishes to take. In doing so, it may pursue one of three courses of action as set out below:

Option 1- Release the decision for implementation

- 3.2 Having reviewed this decision, the Scrutiny Board may decide to release it for implementation. If the Scrutiny Board chooses this option, the decision will be immediately released for implementation and the decision may not be Called In again.

Option 2 - Recommend that the decision be reconsidered.

- 3.3 The Scrutiny Board may decide to recommend to the decision maker that the decision be reconsidered. If the Scrutiny Board chooses this option a report will be submitted to the decision maker.

- 3.4 In the case of a delegated decision, the report of the Scrutiny Board will be submitted to the appropriate Officer within three working days of this meeting. The Officer will reconsider his/her decision and will publish the outcome of his/her deliberations on the delegated decision system. The decision may not be Called In again whether or not it is varied.

Option 3 - Recommend that the decision be reconsidered and refer the matter to full Council if recommendation not accepted.

- 3.5 This course of action would only apply if the Scrutiny Board determined that a decision **fell outside the Council's Budget and Policy Framework** and this determination were confirmed by the Council's Section 151 Officer (in relation to the budget) or Monitoring Officer (in relation to other policies).
- 3.6 If, at the conclusion of this meeting, the Scrutiny Board forms an initial determination that the decision in question should be challenged on the basis of contravening the Budget and Policy Framework, then confirmation will subsequently be sought from the appropriate statutory officer.
- 3.7 Should the statutory officer support the Scrutiny Board's determination, then the report of the Scrutiny Board will be presented in the same manner as for Option 2. If the decision maker accepts the recommendation of the Scrutiny Board in these circumstances, then the revised decision will be published in the same manner as for Option 2 and the decision may not be Called In again. If, however, the decision maker does not accept the recommendation of the Scrutiny Board, then the matter will be referred to full Council for final decision. Decisions of full Council may not be Called In.
- 3.8 Should the appropriate statutory officer not confirm that the decision contravenes the Budget and Policy Framework, then the report of the Scrutiny Board would normally be progressed as for Option 2 (i.e. presented as a recommendation to the decision taker) but with no recourse to full Council in the event that the decision is not varied. As with Option 2, no further Call In of the decision would be possible.

3.9 However, the Scrutiny Board may resolve that, if the statutory officer does not confirm contravention of the Budget and Policy Framework, then it should be released for implementation in accordance with Option 1.

4.0 FAILURE TO AGREE ONE OF THE ABOVE OPTIONS

4.1 If the Scrutiny Board, for any reason, does not agree one of the above courses of action at this meeting, then Option 1 will be adopted by default, i.e. the decision will be released for implementation with no further recourse to Call In.

5.0 FORMULATING THE BOARD'S REPORT

5.1 If the Scrutiny Board decides to release the decision for implementation (i.e. Option 1), then the Scrutiny Support Unit will process the necessary notifications and no further action is required by the Board.

5.2 If the Scrutiny Board wishes to recommend that the decision be reconsidered (i.e. Options 2 or 3), then it will be necessary for the Scrutiny Board to agree a report setting out its recommendation together with any supporting commentary.

5.3 Because of the tight timescales within which a decision Call In must operate, it is important that the Scrutiny Board's report be agreed at the meeting.

5.4 If the Scrutiny Board decides to pursue either of Options 2 or 3, it is proposed that there be a short adjournment during which the Chair, in conjunction with the Scrutiny Support Unit, should prepare a brief statement proposing the Scrutiny Board's draft recommendations and supporting commentary. Upon reconvening, the Scrutiny Board will be invited to amend/ agree this statement as appropriate (a separate item has been included in the agenda for this purpose).

5.5 This statement will then form the basis of the Scrutiny Board's report (together with factual information as to details of the Called In decision, lists of evidence/witnesses considered, Members involved in the Call In process etc).

5.6 The Scrutiny Board is advised that there is no provision within the Call In procedure for the submission of a Minority Report.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

6.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to note the contents of this report and to adopt the procedure as detailed within it.

Background Papers

None

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Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

Date: 3rd June 2009

Subject: Call In – Review of Decision – Supporting People Request to enter into a framework contract with Cascade Homes, Care Solutions and Green Investments (Jump) for the supply and management of temporary accommodation for a period of 12 months

Electoral Wards Affected:

All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 This paper presents the background papers to a decision which has been Called In in accordance with the Council's Constitution.¹

1.2 Papers are attached as follows:

- Copy of completed Call In request form
- The Delegated Decision Notification.

1.3 Appropriate Members and/or officers have been invited to attend the meeting in order to explain the decision and respond to questions.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) is asked to review this decision and to determine what further action it wishes to take.

Background Papers

None

¹ Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules Paragraph 22

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CALL IN REQUEST

A Call In request may be made by:

- a) Any five non-executive Members of council, OR
- b) two non-executive Members of council if they are not from the same political group¹

Date of decision publication: 7 May 2009

Delegated decision ref: D 358386 or

Executive Board Minute no: — or

Area Committee Name and decision ref: —

Decision description: Supporting people request to enter into a framework contract with Cascade Homes, Core Solutions and Green Investments (Group) for the supply and management of temporary accommodation for a period of 12 weeks

Reasons for Call In:

All requests for Call In must detail why, in the opinion of the signatories, the decision was not taken in accordance with the principles set out in Article 13 of the Council constitution (decision making) (principles of decision making) or where relevant issues do not appear to be taken into consideration. *Please tick the relevant box(es) and give an explanation.*

- Proportionality (ie the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome)
- Due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers
- Respect for human rights
- A presumption in favour of openness
- Clarity of aims and desired outcomes
- An explanation of the options considered and details of the reasons for the decision
- Positive promotion of equal opportunities
- Natural justice

Explanation Elected members in wards where the proposed contractors have their clients have not been consulted about the effects of this proposed decision

¹ A Member cannot count as one of the two / five signatures if they are a member of the Scrutiny Board to which the Call In will be referred. In the case of decisions made by Area Committees, a Member cannot count as one of the two / five signatures if they are a member of that Area Committee.

Leeds City Council Scrutiny Support Unit

The following signatories request that the above decision be called in:

1) Signature..... *R. Pryke* Political group..... *Lib Dem*
Print name..... *RALPH PRYKE*

2) Signature..... *David Blackburn* Political group..... *GREEN*
Print name..... *DAVID BLACKBURN*

NB: Only two signatures are required if the councillors signing this form are not from the same political group (option b above).

For option a) continue to fill in the rest of the signatures.

3) Signature..... *Neil Taggart*
Print name..... *NEIL TAGGART*

4) Signature..... *Penny Ewens*
Print name..... *PENNY EWENS*

5) Signature..... *Jamie Matthews*
Print name..... *JAMIE MATTHEWS*

This form should be submitted to the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development (Scrutiny Support Unit, 1st Floor West, Civic Hall) by **5.00pm on the fifth working day after the decision publication date**. The office is open from 9.00am to 5.00pm.

(For further information on the Call In procedure please refer to the Scrutiny Support Unit intranet site, or contact the Unit on 39 51151).

For office use only: (box A)

Received on behalf of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development by:

Richard A. Mills (signature)

Date: *22nd May 2009* Time: *9:30am* SSU ref: *2009/10 D35386*
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For office use only: (box B)

Exemption status checked:

Call In authorised: Yes No

Date checked:

Signed: *Richard A. Mills*

Signatures checked:

Date: *22nd May 2009*

Receipts given:

Validity re article 13

Receipt details: *E-mailed member on request form*

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DELEGATED DECISION NOTIFICATION

REF NO ¹
D35386

DECISION MAKER Chief Housing Services Officer

SUBJECT ² **Supporting People Request to enter into a framework contract with Cascade Homes, Care Solutions and Green Investments (Jump) for the supply and management of temporary accommodation for a period of 12 months.**

DECISION ³

COUNCIL FUNCTION <input type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE DECISION (KEY) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE DECISION (MAJOR) <input type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE DECISION (OTHER) <input type="checkbox"/>
NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN	⁴ EXEMPT FROM CALL IN: YES / <u>NO</u>	⁴ EXEMPT FROM CALL IN: YES / NO	NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN

Request to enter into a framework contract with Cascade Homes, Care Solutions and Green Investments (Jump) for the supply and management of temporary accommodation for a period of 12 months, commencing in May 2009, at a cost of £2.6M per annum.

This is a Key Decision because the value of the contract is over £250,000.00 per annum and as such has been placed on the Forward Plan.

AFFECTED WARDS

ADVICE SOUGHT

	Yes	No
Legal	√	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finance	√	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>	√
Equal Opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	√
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	√

¹ This reference number will be assigned by Governance Services and notified to you

² A brief heading should be inserted

³ Brief details of the decision should be inserted. This note must set out the substance of the decision, options considered and the reason for deciding upon the chosen option, although care must be taken not to disclose any confidential or commercially sensitive information. Guidance on the substance of the note is available from Governance Services

⁴ For Key and Major decisions only. If exempt from Call In details to be provided in the report. The Call In period expires at 5.00 pm on the 5th working day after publication. Scrutiny Support will notify decision makers of matters called in by no later than 12.00 noon on the 6th day.

DECLARED OFFICER / MEMBER INTERESTS⁵ None

DISPENSATION BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE
DATE:


BACKGROUND PAPERS⁶ None

EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX
YES NO RULE NO 10.4⁷ ()

	Yes	No	Date
Executive Member	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Ward Councillors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Chief Officers Affected	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Others (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

CONTACT PERSON Debbie Forward CONTACT NO 247 6752

AUTHORISED SIGNATORY⁸


 Paul Langford

DATE
 1st May 2009

	KEY	MAJOR	OTHER
⁹ *First publication (5 day notice)	7/5/09		
Commencement for Call In	15/5/09		
Last date for Call In	22/5/09		
Implementation Date	26/5/09		

* If key decision not on Forward Plan, the reason and need that the decision be taken are that:

⁵ No officer having a pecuniary interest in any matter should take a decision in relation to that matter. Other interests of a non-disqualifying nature should be recorded here.

⁶ A separate Index should be prepared if necessary. ALL DOCUMENTATION UPON WHICH THE DECISION WAS BASED MUST BE RETAINED AND BE READILY ACCESSIBLE SO IT CAN BE PRODUCED SHOULD THE DECISION BE CHALLENGED

⁷ Relevant Access to Information Procedure Rules to be quoted if there is an exempt appendix

⁸ The signatory must be duly authorised by the Director to make the decision in accordance with the Department's scheme. It is not acceptable for the signature to be 'pp' for an authorised signatory. For Key Decisions only, the date of the authorised signature signifies that, at the time, the Officer was content that the decision should be taken. However, should representations be received following public availability of reports the signatory will consider the effect which such representations should have upon the final decision.

⁹ Governance Services will enter these dates



Report of: Housing Strategy and Solutions

Meeting: Delegated Decision Panel

Date of meeting: May 2009

SUBJECT: To seek approval to waive CPR 13 High Value Procurements, and invoke CRP 31.4 Waiver of Contracts Procedure Rules and to enter into a 12 month framework contract to Cascade Homes, Care Solutions and Green Investments (Jump) for the supply and management of temporary accommodation

This Report is for;

Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/>	Information Only <input type="checkbox"/>	Advice/consideration prior to taking a Key or Major decision or reporting to a Committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Decision to be taken by:

Full Council <input type="checkbox"/>	Corporate Governance and Audit Committee <input type="checkbox"/>
Executive Board <input type="checkbox"/>	Standards Committee <input type="checkbox"/>
An Area Committee <input type="checkbox"/>	Member Management Committee <input type="checkbox"/>
A Regulatory Committee <input type="checkbox"/>	A Director using delegated authority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Housing Act 1996 VII (as amended by the 2002 Homelessness Act) requires Councils to secure that interim accommodation is available to homeless households seeking assistance under the homelessness legislation and, if a statutory duty is accepted, that provision of temporary accommodation is continued until the homeless household is offered either a secure or assured tenancy or agrees to accept a short hold tenancy.

The provision of a temporary accommodation service is a key strategic priority for Leeds City Council. The service currently represents an important component of the council's response to addressing the needs of individuals and families who present as homeless, along with emergency accommodation commissioned through the Supporting People programme.

The Council currently has a framework contract for this service with three housing providers; Cascade Homes, Care Solutions and Safe Haven. Safe Haven has served notice on the contract and will withdraw from any future contractual arrangements with the Council by July

2009. Subsequently the Council has entered into an informal arrangement with Green Investments (Jump) to supply a number of units of temporary accommodation. The current contract expires at the end of March 2009. The Council has commenced a competitive tender project for the procurement of a temporary accommodation service and it is anticipated that this will take up to 12 months. A waiver report was prepared and submitted to Delegated Decision Panel in February to request invocation of Contracts Procedure rule 25.2 to extend the existing contract whilst the competitive tender exercise is completed. However, there was an error in the process, and it has not been possible to seek approval to extend the existing contract before it expires in March by invoking CPR 25.2 as originally intended.

The waiver report therefore requests approval to waive CPR 13 and invoke CPR 31.4 to enter into a 12 month framework contract with Cascade Homes, Care Solutions and Green Investments. The award of a framework contract to these three organisations to supply and manage temporary accommodation constitutes a key decision, and is on the Council's Forward Plan to enable a delegated decision to be made in May 2009.

1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1. To approve the award of a framework contract for a period of up to 12 months to Cascade Homes, Care Solutions and Green Investments (Jump), for the provision of a temporary accommodation service commencing May 2009. The term of the contract is twelve months (12). The annual contract value is projected to be £2.6 million over the 12 month contract period. The service will be subjected to competitive tender during the term of the contract period.
- 1.2. It is recognised, in accordance with Contracts' Procedure Rules, that a waiver to contract with three accommodation providers, and to not subject the service to immediate tender, cannot ordinarily be granted. However, it is believed that the circumstances of the contract recommendation represent 'exceptional circumstances', as set out in paragraph 31.4 of Contracts' Procedure Rules. The service is an essential component of the Councils response addressing the needs of homeless households and meeting its statutory obligations under the provisions of Part VII of the Housing Act 1996. The service needs to continue whilst the tender exercise is completed and the award of a 12 month contract will formalise the arrangements with the three providers and ensure they comply with required standards and agreed prices for the delivery of the temporary accommodation service.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Leeds City Council has a legal duty to secure interim/temporary accommodation to homeless individuals and families who are entitled to the provision of its services under the Housing Act 1996, as amended.
- 2.2. The current contract commenced in June 2006 and was a period of 2 years. The contract was extended for a further 12 months in April 2008. The extension to the contract expires 31st March 2009.
- 2.3. The existing framework contract guarantees a minimum of 30 properties to each of the three accommodation providers. The Council entered into an informal arrangement with Green Investments following the phased withdrawal of properties by Safe Haven. This arrangement now requires formalisation as part of the new contract.

- 2.4. Demand and use of the temporary accommodation service rose to over 400 households accommodated at any one time last September. However, improved assessment and case management of homeless cases has now reduced the number of households in this contracted temporary accommodation service to 192 per night. The government has set all local authorities a target to halve the number of households placed in temporary accommodation by the end of March 2010. The Council is committed to reducing temporary accommodation placements during the term of this contract and will tender for the supply of up to 100 units as part of the new contract.
- 2.5. Improving the standard and quality of temporary accommodation to homeless customers through the private sector is a priority of the Leeds Housing Strategy. Whilst the competitive tender will be a key driver for making these improvements, the interim 12 month contract will ensure key standards are met in relation to the Housing and Health and Safety Rating system (HHSRS) and that the contract price is controlled and affordable to the Council.
- 2.6. The current contract expires at the end of March 2009 and the Council has commenced a competitive tender project for the procurement of a temporary accommodation service. It is anticipated that this will take up to 12 months. A waiver report was prepared and submitted to Delegated Decision Panel in February to request invocation of Contracts Procedure rule 25.2 to extend the existing contract whilst the competitive tender exercise is completed. However, there was an error in the process and it has not been possible to seek approval to extend the existing contract before it expires in March by invoking CPR 25.2 as originally intended.
- 2.7. The award of the contract to each provider will be subject the provider being pre qualified to enter into a contract with the Council, following the completion of a pre qualification questionnaire.

3. REASON FOR CONTRACTS PROCEDURE RULES WAIVER/INVOCATION

- 3.1. The reason for waiving CPR 13 and invoking CPR 31.4 is ensure the Council continues to be able to fulfil its statutory duties to secure temporary accommodation, whilst the competitive tender is carried out.
- 3.2. Given that the delivery of the temporary accommodation service enables the Council to meet its statutory duties, it would not be appropriate to discontinue the service, whilst it is being subject to competitive tender.
- 3.3. It is recognised, in accordance with Contracts' Procedure Rules, that a waiver to contract with Care Solutions, Cascade Homes and Green Investments (Jump), and to not subject the service to immediate tender, cannot ordinarily be granted. However, it is believed that the circumstances of the contract recommendation represent 'exceptional circumstances', as set out in paragraph 31.4 of Contracts' Procedure Rules.

4. CONSEQUENCES IF THE PROPOSED ACTION IS NOT APPROVED

- 4.1. If the proposal to award a 12 month framework contract to Cascade Homes, Care Solutions and Green Investments is not agreed, then the service will discontinue and the Council will be unable to meet its statutory duty to secure temporary accommodation where required under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 in an affordable manner. The Council will still have a statutory duty to place people in temporary accommodation and without a contract in place, the prices charged to the

Council will escalate, and this is highly likely to be beyond what the Council can afford.

5. ADVERTISING

5.1. There is insufficient time to advertise for the award of the 12 month contract to the three providers.

5.2. The advertisement of the tender would be undertaken in accordance with Contracts' Procedure Rules and EU regulations.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1. It is recognised, in accordance with Contracts' Procedure Rules, that a waiver to contract with Cascade Homes, Care Solutions and Green Investments and to not subject the service to immediate tender, cannot ordinarily be granted. However, it is believed that the circumstances of the contract recommendation represent 'exceptional circumstances', as set out in paragraph 31.4 of Contracts' Procedure Rules.

6.2. The Chief Procurement Officer has advised that it would be reasonable to enter into a framework contract with Cascade Homes, Care Solutions and Green Investments (Jump), to continue the provision of the temporary accommodation service, provided that the Chief Housing Services Officer believes there are compelling reasons to do so.

7. RECOMMENDATION

1.1. The Chief Housing Services Officer is recommended to approve the invocation of CPR 31.4 – Waiver of Contract Procedure Rules and also waive CPR 13 – High Value Procurements to enable the award of a framework contract to Cascade Homes, Care Solutions and Green Investments (Jump), for the provision temporary accommodation, commencing May 2009. The term of the contract is 12 months with a projected annual contract value of £ 2.6 million.