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**SUBJECT: EXEMPTION FROM CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES - PURCHASE
OF LIFTING EQUIPMENT**

Wards affected: Digmaoor, Scott

1.0 PURPOSE OF ARTICLE

To inform members of two exemptions to procurement rules.

2.0 PURCHASE OF LIFTING EQUIPMENT

2.1 Property Services, Investment Team utilise the services of LCC Occupational Therapist (OT) to provide medical referrals for our customers with regard to adaptations to their homes i.e. our domestic stock.

2.2 The majority of OT referrals will be for standard equipment, however the two lifts whereby exemptions have been sought are for non-standard equipment.

3.0 CURRENT POSITION

The Investment Team have received two OT referrals for specialist non-standard lifting equipment a] A Pollock thru floor lift and b] a bariatric stairlift manufactured by Dolphin Ltd.

4.0 ISSUES

4.1 Due to the infrequency of specialist lifting equipment being requested by the OT, and the wide range of specialist items that may be specified, the Council do not have a contract to cover this.

- 4.2 The lifting equipment manufacturers are either not on a Framework currently used by the Council or not on any Framework.
- 4.3 To procure via a new Framework would take considerable time for the Legal Team to review the Framework contract prior to placing an order.
- 4.4 As these lifts have been specified to meet the customer's needs, the Investment Team did not have the option to request competitive quotes from other manufacturers e.g. Dolphin Ltd are the only manufacturer to make a bariatric lift.
- 4.4 Any delay to procuring the lifts could lead to a negative impact on the health and wellbeing of the customer.

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 No external consultation was required due to both lifts being for individual tenants with bespoke medical needs.
- 5.2 Internal consultation with the Procurement Team to seek advice.

6.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant sustainability impacts associated with this article and, in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder.

7.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are some financial/ resource implications arising from this article in respect of the cost of the lifting equipment, however these have been met from existing resources.

8.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

This Article is for information only and makes no recommendations. It therefore does not require a formal risk assessment and no changes have been made to risk registers.

9.0 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

Beneficial to the customers health and wellbeing.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Article.

Equality Impact Assessment

There is a direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders, therefore an Equality Impact Assessment is required. A formal equality impact assessment is attached as an Appendix to this article, the results of which have been taken into account when undertaking the actions detailed within this article".

Appendices

Equality Impact Assessment.