

TENDER OPPORTUNITY

The London Borough of Sutton is committed to improving the lives of vulnerable and disabled people and their carers by providing services that promote choice, control and independence. To help us achieve this commitment we wish to enter into a contract with an organisation that is suitably skilled and qualified to develop and provide a handypersons service for older people and people over the age of 18 years who are particularly vulnerable within Sutton's community, using a social enterprise model.

The Council has received a grant from the Communities and Local Government Department for two years to set up an extended handypersons services. Limited funding is available in 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 to support the establishment of the service.

The contract is expected to commence on 1st April 2010 and will be for a maximum period of 2 years, thereafter the service must be fully sustainable and self-financing.

Organisations will need to be able to demonstrate that they can deliver services to vulnerable people using a sustainable social enterprise model. They must also be able to demonstrate inclusion in the workforce of people who have traditionally found it hard to enter the labour market.

We are conducting a one-stage tender process. Tender pack will be dispatched week commencing 23 November 2009 and the closing date for receipt of completed tenders will be Friday 8 January 2010. The selection process is based on an in-depth analysis of the information submitted in the tenders and the organisations who meet the Quality threshold will be invited to interview. Please email anna.abraham@sutton.gov.uk to express your interest and request a tender pack.

