

36573 Pre-paid Debit Cards

Please provide all recorded information that the local authority holds regarding its outsourcing of the provision of pre-paid debit cards in the financial years 2020/21 and 2021/22 and its current and planned outsourcing of the provision of pre-paid debit cards in 2022/23 and future financial years.

Such information should include all recorded information regarding: -

(a) the local authority's outsourcing of the provision of pre-paid debit cards for the use by staff, volunteers, council tax payers service users;

These are used for Localities' Service Users and for Direct Payments either by the service user or their appointed Financial Contact.

(b) the ways in which the local authority uses pre-paid debit cards;

Localities' Service users use them as a cash alternative for emergency cash payments under legislative requirements and for those that the local authority is the corporate appointee.

Direct Payments - To pay Providers for Care given through Self-Directed Support Option 1 – Direct Payment (DP)

(c) the full name(s) of any outsourced service provider(s) supplying the local authority;

allpay Limited

(d) the contract(s) with any outsourced service provider(s) supplying the local authority;

Please refer to the contract named. "Pre Loaded Cards" on the Contract Register which is available through our website at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/download/13801/contract-register>

(e) the date(s) on which contract(s) with outsourced service provider(s) expire;

31/03/2023

(f) the total fees paid by the local authority, or budgeted to be paid, by supplier, for each of the financial years requested above;

For Localities' Service Users:

2020/21- £3,573 incl. set up fees and VAT

2021/22 - £1,376 incl. VAT

2022/23 – There is no forecast recorded

For Direct Payments:

2020/21 – £66,216.17 (This is an approximation as some information is missing)

2021/22 – £74,817.52

2022/23 – There is no forecast recorded

(g) the number of pre-paid debit card users the local authority had, or anticipates having, for each of the financial years listed above;

For Localities' Service Users:

2020/21 - 117

2021/22 - 120

2022/23 – There is no forecast recorded

For Direct Payments:

2020/21 – 1,638

2021/22 – 1,811

2022/23 – There is no forecast recorded

(h) the tendering process, or other procurement method, under which the outsourced contract(s) were awarded;

There was a tender published on Public Contracts Scotland in 2016 with the subsequent contract being in place from November 2016 to November 2019. It was subsequently extended by waiver in 2019 to 28/11/2020 and has been further extended through waiver until 31/03/2023.

(i) the tendering process, or other procurement method, under which the service will be re-contracted; and

The route to market would be determined once the service area engage Commercial and Procurement Services (CPS) to re-tender however would probably be either using a Public Sector Framework or advertising on Public Contracts Scotland.

(j) the date on which the process referred to in (h), for the re-contracting of the outsourced service, will commence.

This is not recorded.

(k) the name and email address of the person within the local authority who has responsibility for the authority's management and provision of pre-paid debit cards.

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