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CHIC FRAMEWORK
LEGAL SERVICES

AVAILABLE TO CHIC MEMBERS

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CHIC's legal services framework creates savings and efficiencies through a panel of the country's leading housing specialist law firms. Created through a compliant procurement process, the service offers more than 200 fixed fee deals, plus hourly rates at an average 30% discount on firms standard charges.

In conjunction with specialist agent Kennedy Cater, we have brought together the experience, knowledge and expertise of the very best law firms in England and Wales. Our 22 strong panel of legal firms offer in-depth awareness of the demands, priorities and challenges of the housing sector, with a wide range of services to help you make savings and improve efficiency.

CHIC's legal services framework makes all these skills available on demand to support any aspect of your corporate governance, finance, asset management and development.

The framework is split into three different Lots as below:

- 1 Corporate, Governance & Finance**
- 2 Housing & Asset Management**
- 3 Property & Development**

Each lot has an extensive list of fixed fee services, covering the wide range of legal work that all registered providers may require. Members can directly select lawyers or conduct mini competitions. All of the framework legal firms were selected through a competitive, compliant procurement process.



OUR SUPPLIERS

22 service providers were selected following a PCR 2015 compliant, unranked procurement process. Access to the framework is available via direct award or mini-competition.



Anthony Collins Solicitors (Lot 1, 2 & 3)

Anthony Collins Solicitors is a specialist law firm with a clear purpose – to improve lives, communities and society. The firm is nationally recognised as delivering accessible and pragmatic legal advice to the specialist sectors of housing, health and social care, education, charities, local government, social business and legal services for individuals.



Ashfords (Lot 1 & 3)

Ashfords invest in relationships and place importance on the outcome; there is a focus on delivering your commercial objectives, protecting family assets, making investments or solving disputes.



Batchelors (Lot 2)

Batchelors offer a wide range of legal services in a friendly, personable and proactive manner. Their solicitors are committed to learning more about the clients they work with so that they can deliver tailored services that get the best results.



Bevan Brittan LLP (Lot 1, 2 & 3)

Bevan Brittan is a UK Top-100 law firm providing legal and advisory services advising businesses across construction, energy & resource management, higher education and financial services sectors, complementing the firms market leadership within housing, local government and health and social care.



Capsticks Solicitors (Lot 1, 2, & 3)

Capsticks aim to be the firm of choice for organisations who work to make a difference. Whether you provide health or social care, develop or manage social housing, deliver emergency services, or regulate complex professions, they're able to help you to deliver services to your communities.



Clarke Willmott (Lot 1)

Clarke Willmott is a leading law firm that takes pride in being different. Their strong reputation is built on genuine client relationships and exceptional people – each chosen for their industry knowledge and passion for their field, as well as their first-class legal credentials.



Clyde & Co LLP (Lot 2)

Clyde & Co is a global law firm providing a complete service to clients in its core sectors of insurance, transport, energy, infrastructure and trade & commodities. Their success in the past 90 years has been built on the vision of a single global partnership, providing a platform that offers rapid access to expertise, wherever you operate in the world.



Devonshires (Lot 1, 2 & 3)

Devonshires provide forward thinking legal services to its clients, who range from some of the world's largest multinational corporations to private individuals. It also acts for a significant number of charities, Registered Providers and Regulators.



EMW Ltd (Lot 3)

A commercial law firm with a refreshing approach; they have offices in Gatwick, London and Milton Keynes. Formed in 1992, the firm is young and informal, which clients tell them makes a refreshing change for a firm of lawyers. Their strong commercial sense and pro-active manner transforms legal challenges into business solutions.



Forbes (Lot 1, 2 & 3)

Forbes Solicitors operates nationally with offices in Lancashire, Manchester, Leeds and London. They offer the full range of legal services to commercial clients, individuals and a number of specialist sectors where they excel nationally.



Glazer Delmar (Lot 2)

Founded in 1989, Glazer Delmar is one of the largest law firms in South East London with 28 staff including 4 partners and 16 lawyers. The firm specialises in Residential Property (Conveyancing), Wills, Probate, Powers of Attorney, Family Matters including Civil Partnerships and Divorce, as well as representing the landlords of social housing stock.



Judge & Priestley (UK) Ltd (Lot 2)

Judge & Priestley is now about servicing modern-day legal needs. With teams specialising in the major areas of business law, from corporate and commercial to property and employment, they have a loyal client base of sole traders, companies and partnerships who rely on them for a forward-thinking approach to any situation.



MSB Solicitors Ltd (Lot 2 & 3)

MSB is a progressive, full-service law firm that prides itself on providing legal services to meet the needs of the communities we serve. Established in 1988, the firm has forged a reputation for excellence of service and has been the recipient of several prestigious awards, including the Law Society's Legal Excellence Award for Practice Management.



Penningtons Manches Cooper LLP (Lot 1 & 3)

Penningtons have established a strong reputation in a variety of sectors, particularly private wealth, shipping, technology and property. Their lawyers are also recognised for their expertise in life sciences, education, retail, sports and entertainment and international trade.



Sharratts (London) (Lot 1 & 3)

Sharratts are a specialist boutique firm of senior housing Solicitors providing a professional, affordable service specifically for Social Housing providers and their partners.



Shoosmiths (Lot 3)

Shoosmiths work to a simple formula: a can do ethos, values that are much more than words on paper, and the agility to find the best way for each individual client - whether that's ways of working, pricing structures or just innovative ideas that make a real commercial difference.



TLT Llp (Lot 1 & 3)

TLT are your business advisers as well as your lawyers, working in step with you to protect your interests today and progress your ambitions for tomorrow. With local, national and international reach, they draw on their diverse expertise to find solutions and look forward to create new opportunities.



Tozers (Lot 1, 2 & 3)

Tozers offer a high quality legal service to businesses and individuals. They have a national reputation in business sectors such as Residential and Holiday Parks, Registered Landlords of social housing, Charities, Schools and Equine Law.



Trowers and Hamlins Llp (Lot 1)

Trowers is an international law firm with over 170 partners and more than 1000 people located across the UK, Middle East and Asia. They are well known for being experts in the sectors their clients work in and getting to the crux of the issues they face.



Ward Hadaway (Lot 2)

Ward Hadaway is one of the UK's Top 100 law firms and a major player in the North of England with offices in Leeds, Manchester and Newcastle. They offer a comprehensive range of services delivered to the highest possible standards and are focused on securing the very best for their clients.



Weightmans Ltd (Lot 2 & 3)

Weightmans is a top 40 UK law firm, with more than 1,400 people working in Birmingham, Cardiff, Glasgow, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, London, Manchester and Newcastle. They're well-equipped to provide a full legal service to all of their clients and have the resources to deal with the most demanding legal needs, both at home and overseas.



Wright Hassall Llp (Lot 1, 2 & 3)

Wright Hassall has a strong private client department. The firm has also been supporting individuals, business owners, entrepreneurs and farmers for many years across all their legal needs whether in relation to moving house, dealing with relationship matters, making a will or trust and dealing with probate matters.

MORE ABOUT CHIC

CHIC is a not for profit, member owned and governed asset management consortium. We offer a wide selection of services for our members in the affordable housing sector, for other public sector bodies and for charities. We provide procurement and contract support solutions, delivering savings, efficiencies and added social value.

Membership

Membership of CHIC is open to any housing association, public sector body or charity. It is free to join and members can use as few or as many of our services as they choose.

Services

CHIC provides a comprehensive selection of services. Together, these provide a full suite of contractor and supply chain solutions for affordable housing landlords and other public sector bodies, across their asset management and development programmes. All services are underpinned by a range of frameworks, a dynamic purchasing system (DPS) and some long-term contracts.



MATERIALS & MERCHANTS



BUILDING SAFETY & COMPLIANCE



NEWBUILD DEVELOPMENT



CAPITAL & PLANNED INVESTMENT



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



DECARBONISATION & RENEWABLES



TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS



FACILITIES MANAGEMENT



THE TEAM

Please get in touch

CHIC supports members to secure access to a wide range of contractors, suppliers, merchants and consultants from our frameworks and contracts, through mini-competition or direct award. We fully support the procurement process, with dedicated member services and supply chain management support.

Once contracts are awarded, we provide ongoing member advice and reporting, including comprehensive commercial catalogue management and value for money reporting.

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