

Operational Decision Record

Publication Date 15 October 2024	Decision Reference Number 5191
Decision Title	
Adults Joint Funding Project	
Decision Value	
200,000	
Revenue or Capital Spend?	
Capital	
Spend Control Approval	
Has the spend been approved by Spend Control Board? X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a Spend Control Board approval reference number: 8799	
Department	
Adult Social Care and Health	
Contact Officer (Name, job title, and contact details)	
Roz Howie, Interim Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health	
Decision Taken	
To appoint a provider to conduct reviews of citizen's care packages in light of the unexpected volume of work currently being undertaken by the integrated Care Board's (ICB) Continuing Health team.	
Reasons for Decision and Background Information	
<p>The local Integrated Care Board's (ICB) Continuing Health team has expedited a review project to review up to 280 joint funded cases with a view to withdrawing funding. This work is being undertaken at pace within the next 3-6 months. The City Council needs to ensure that it has sufficient capacity to ensure appropriate care and support to our jointly funded clients.</p> <p>The City Council does not have the internal resources to meet the demand of the pace of reviews and to ensure representation to discuss and support decisions made from a social care perspective.</p> <p>The Council needs to mobilise at pace and with the right expertise – a specialist provider has been identified to mobilise at pace with the right social care and health framework expertise, with proven outcomes in similar projects.</p>	
Other Options Considered and why these were rejected	

The Corporate Director, in consultation with the Head of Contracting and Procurement, decides that special circumstances make it appropriate and beneficial to negotiate with a single firm or that a single tender be invited and that best value for the Council can be achieved by not tendering. Sole sourcing pertains to a situation when there is only a single supplier that provides the product or service that you need. It is deemed that this service is bespoke and unique with regards to the skills, knowledge and experience required to undertake these complex joint health and care reviews.

In consultation with Procurement, alternative procurement options were considered detailed below:

- a. full competitive tender - the time pressure prohibits this as it would take 3+ months to complete,
- b. use of a framework (Direct Award or further competition) - the known suitable provider does not appear on any frameworks available to the Council and given the specialist nature of the requirement there is a risk that there would be no suitable interest from existing framework provider.

External provider review rates vary – dependent on complexity and level of expertise required. This is a specialist area of review and requires knowledge across health and social care frameworks. This is not a regular review service.

Reasons why this decision is classified as operational

If the Council is unable to mobilise this project at pace if additional capacity is not mobilised. The Council will continue to absorb severe short term and longer-term budget pressures if it does not conduct the required reviews.

Additional Information

Procurement exemption and Finance approval for use of reserves has been sought and confirmed.

Decision Maker (Name and Job Title)

Roz Howie, Interim Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health



Scheme of Delegation Reference Number

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Date Decision Taken

11/10/2024