

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Extra Care at Woodvale

Total Value:

£73,375 (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

To dispense with Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) (Operational Issues) to allow for

1. The extension of the block contract with Agincare for night care for a period of 13 months until November 2016 at an estimated cost of £38,125.
2. To extend the Extracare contract which ends in July 2016 until 30th November 2016 at an estimated cost of £35,250 so that both elements of the contract will end at the same time.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

The initial contract with Agincare to be the Care Provider at Woodvale had both the extracare and the nightcare element on an hourly rate. This became financially untenable for Agincare to continue with so to avoid them having to withdraw from the contract, a block contract for the nightcare was agreed via a DDM until 31st September 2015 (1513 - Funding Night-care costs at Woodvale Extra Care Scheme 10/06/2014)

There are currently only 3 Citizens at Woodvale utilising the night care provision. When the block contract was put in place there were 7 Citizens requiring nightcare and there needs to be 6 for this arrangement to be cost effective. The current ratio is a cost to the Authority when compared to those 3 residents moving into residential care. During the life of the block contract there have been 6 new tenancies created per year but none of the citizens moving in to Woodvale have yet required nightcare. There is currently no effective nomination arrangement for Woodvale which ensures that Adult Social Care are given the first option to refer into vacancies. There is also a lack of process within Adult Social Care to actively work to identify citizens where Extra Care could provide an effective alternative to residential care. We are currently working with Adult Social Care, Agincare and Metropolitan (the landlord) to put nomination arrangements in place and propose to extend the nightcare block contract for a further 14 months in order for us to see if these measures increase the usage of nightcare and value for money. There is a benefit to maintaining the nightcare provision as the care needs of the residents will increase over time. Once there is a sufficient number of citizens utilising the nightcare provision, this arrangement will be a cost effective alternative to residential care. This provision will enable Citizens to remain in their own homes for as long as possible, maximising their independence. There is also a benefit to Citizens who are not currently receiving regular nightcare but may require this on an emergency basis.

The Home care element of the contract for Woodvale expires in July 2016 the extension would ensure that both elements of the contract will end at the same time. This timescale will allow the opportunity to fully review the provision as a whole and make an informed decision about whether to continue to support Woodvale as an Extra Care provision. The service for Woodvale will need to be retendered and this extension will allow us to be able to tie both the nightcare and the extracare elements into the same process.

Other Options Considered:

1. To move the three residents currently requiring nightcare into residential accommodation and end nightcare provision.
Woodvale would no longer be an Extra Care provision. There are risks that residents would refuse to move to alternative provision and that as the care needs of the other residents increase, this could actually lead to a cost to the Authority. This would also remove the choice from the residents who would be forced to move if they wanted their care needs to continue to be met. There are also residents who may not require nightcare at this moment, but the availability of this should they need it was a factor in their decision to move to Woodvale.
2. Do nothing. This is not an option as the contracts are due to expire.

Background Papers:

Published Works:	None.
Affected Wards:	Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None.
Dispensation from Financial Regulations:	Yes
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	None.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: The decision does not relate to new or changing policies, services or functions.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	17/03/2016
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement
Legal Advice:	This report raises no significant legal issues Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 22/01/2016.
Finance Advice:	See attached document. Advice documents: Extra Care at Woodvale - Financial Comments.doc

Procurement Advice:

Extra Care potentially represents a cost effective alternative to Residential care. Woodvale extra care scheme houses a number of citizens who would potentially need residential care if there was no night service available. There is also scope to refer other citizens with this level of care need into the scheme. The proposal is to extend contracts to allow for work to be done to increase referrals into the scheme. Approval to dispense with Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) (Operational Issues) to allow for extensions of both the night block and day care contracts to be extended to enable time to develop referral processes and allow for changes to take effect is therefore supported from a procurement perspective.

Advice provided by Kate Lowman (Lead Procurement Officer) on 25/11/2015.

Signatures

Alex Norris (Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health)
SIGNED and Dated: 10/03/2016
Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)
SIGNED and Dated: 10/03/2016
Theresa Channell (Head of Corporate and Strategic Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 08/03/2016
Chief Finance Officer's Comments: