

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Mental Health Forensic Independent Living Support Service
Total Value:	£56,593.35 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<p>1) Authority for the Council to exercise the option to extend the existing Mental Health Forensic Independent Living Support Service (MHFILSS) contract until 31/03/2018;</p> <p>2) Authority to approve funding for the extension period of the MHFILSS from 01/01/17 to 31/03/18 at the value of £56,593.35.</p>
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>On the 11th May 2016, the Health and WellBeing Board made the decision for a Strategic Commissioning Review on Mental Health accommodation and support pathways be carried out. This service falls within that pathway. The review has commenced and a project team has been set up. Public Health are part of the project team and are fully engaged with the review. The project team agreed an appropriate timeline for the review to be conducted and an implementation date of March 2018 was agreed. It is being recommended that this contract be extended to fall in line with the review timelines. This extension will enable commissioners to undertake a more robust review and will inform the required scope for the new MHFILSS contract.</p> <p>The initial contract documents allowed for an extension up to an additional 3 years, so this extension exercises the right to extend for an additional 15 months to bring the contract in line with the review.</p>

Other Options Considered: Do nothing: This option is rejected on the basis that it will result in the temporary loss of key provision and support for vulnerable adults pending the commissioning of new services. The risk of doing nothing is that it would result in a likely increase in demand for other health and social care services provided which will put pressure on the Adult and Social Care budget.

To not extend the contract for FMHILSS and go out to tender: This option is rejected on the basis that the activities provided by this service should be considered as part of the wider support commissioned by the Council to assist those with significant mental health difficulty and re-tendering at this time would not be efficient nor would it fit in with the review timescales and could lead to a service being commissioned which does not fit in with the wider mental health pathway.

Background Papers:

Published Works: Report to Executive Board Commissioning Sub-Committee 19th December 2012 and minutes of the meeting.

Affected Wards: Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests: N/A

Consultations: Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications: This service helps to prevent crime and disorder through the provision of accommodation and support designed to assist vulnerable citizens to maintain or re-establish independent living. The service supports citizens who are at risk of perpetrating crime or being victims of crime and thereby mitigates risk of increasing crime rates within the city.

Equality: EIA not required. Reasons: No EIA required as the DDM does not seek to change the nature of the provision that has previously been authorised.

Social Value Considerations: Not applicable.

Decision Type: Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In: Yes

Call In Expiry date:

05/04/2017

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

The proposals in this report raise no significant legal issues and are supported.

The initial procurement documentation requested delivery of these services for an initial 3 years and identified the Council's ability to extend the Contract for up to an additional 3 years. The Council now seek to exercise this option to extend for an additional 15 months which is a permitted modification in accordance with Regulation 72 of the Public Contract Regulations as provided for in the initial procurement documents.

This extension will allow the services to be considered under a collective strategic commissioning review of all Mental Health accommodation services with the view for a full procurement process to be identified and commenced at the end of such time.

This decision requests allocation of funding for this extension period which was not previously approved.

Advice provided by Dionne Claire Screamon (Solicitor) on 02/03/2017.

Finance Advice:

The cost of this service is identified as coming from the Housing Related Support budget. Should future financial pressures require a reduction in this budget, to support the medium term financial plan, there is a no penalty break clause applicable, i.e. no additional costs will be incurred.

Advice provided by Ian Greator (Finance Project Manager) on 20/03/2017.

Procurement Advice:

There are no significant procurement implications arising from the decision to exercise the option to extend the Mental Health Forensic Independent Living Support Service contract for the period 01/01/17 to 31/03/18, and this decision is therefore supported from a procurement perspective. There is provision for this extension, the tender was advertised as a 3 year (+ 3 year extension), and therefore no dispensation from financial regulations are required. The extension will enable a strategic commissioning review of all Mental Health accommodation and support pathways provision to be completed, after which time a procurement process would be required for any future provision. Advice provided by Julie Herrod (Lead Procurement Officer) 2/03/2017.

Signatures

Alex Norris (Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health)

SIGNED and Dated: 27/03/2017

Candida Brudenell (Corporate Director for Strategy and Resources)

SIGNED and Dated: 23/03/2017