

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Extension to Mental Health Support and Accommodation Based Contracts
Total Value:	£604,934 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) To approve dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2, in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.29 (Operational Issues), to allow for a 3 month extension to the contract with the current provider for the provision of the Mental Health Independent Living Support Service from 01 January 2018 until 31 March 2018 (as detailed in table 1 of appendix 1).2) To exercise the option to extend the contracts detailed in table 2 of the appendix for a further 1 year of an available 3 year extension period.3) To approve funding for the extension of the contracts as detailed in appendix 1 at tables 1 and 2.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>This paper seeks approval to fund the extension of contracts for Housing Related Support Services in order to align the delivery of these services with the Council's commissioning activity for 2016/18. These contracts are for services that work to help vulnerable adults suffering from mental health to live independently or to recover more independent living arrangements and to help them to avoid the need for other more intensive forms of support.</p> <p>More information on these services, including their annual contract value, and the period of extension to be granted through the approval of this decision can be found in appendix 1.</p> <p>The procurement documentation of the contracts detailed in table 2 of the appendix provided for the duration of the contracts to be for 3 years, with the option to extend at the Council's sole discretion up to a further 3 year period. This decision seeks to exercise and fund an extension for 1 year of those 3 years at this time to align the services with the Council's commissioning activity.</p>
Briefing notes documents:	Appendix 1 for MHSAP extensions DDMs Feb 17Final.docx

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 in Nottingham. Without these services there is a high risk that it would increase demand for other health and social care services provided which will put pressure on the Adult Social Care Budget.

To not extend the contracts and go out to tender: This option is rejected on the grounds that the on-going commitment of resources toward the activities provided by these services should be considered as part of the wider strategic commissioning review of the support commissioned by the Council to assist those with significant mental health difficulty. It would not be efficient therefore to tender these services in isolation for the interim period. The timeline for the completion and implementation of this review is not until 31 March 2018.

Background Papers: None.

Published Works: Report to Commissioning and Procurement Sub-Committee, 11 May 2016 - 'NCC and CCG Joint Commissioning Priorities 2016-17'

Affected Wards: Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None.

Any Information Exempt from publication: Yes

Dispensation from Financial Regulations: Yes

Exempt Information:

An appendix (or appendices) to this decision is exempt from publication under the following paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

5 - Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings. The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because it contains information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings as it discusses the risks of a potential legal challenge.

Documents exempt from publication:

Exempt Legal Advice Extension to Mental Health Support and Accom Based Contracts.docx

Consultations:

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

These services help to prevent crime and disorder through the provision of accommodation and support designed to assist vulnerable citizens to maintain or re-establish independent living. They support and divert citizens who are at risk of perpetrating crime or becoming victims from criminal activities.

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.

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

12/04/2017

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

This advice is exempt from publication and is contained within an exempt appendix.

Advice provided by Dionne Scream, Solicitor, 23 February 2017

Finance Advice:

The reduced contract costs will contribute to the saving of £840,000 included in the medium term financial plan for 2017/18.

Advice provided by Dee Fretwell, Commercial Business Partner, 3 February 2017

Procurement Advice:

The proposal to dispense with Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) (Operational Issues) to allow for an extension of the Mental Health Independent Living Support Service contract as detailed in Table 1 of Appendix I, for the period 01/01/18 to 31/03/18, and to exercise the option to extend the contracts detailed in Table 2 of Appendix 1 for a further 1 year of an available 3 year extension period, are both supported from a procurement perspective.

The extensions will enable the services to continue whilst a strategic commissioning review of Mental Health accommodation and support pathways provision is completed.

Advice provided by Julie Herrod (Procurement Officer) on 11/01/2017.

Signatures

Alex Norris (Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health)
SIGNED and Dated: 05/04/2017
Candida Brudenell (Corporate Director for Strategy and Resources)
SIGNED and Dated: 28/03/2017
Geoff Walker (Strategic Director Finance/CFO) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 21/03/2017
Chief Finance Officer's Comments: For the operational reasons contained within the rpeort