

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Albany House
Total Value:	£876,360 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<p>To approve the procurement of a care service provider for the service outlined and the award of the contract as a result of a procurement process. The contract will include the option for NCC to instruct the provider to provide nightcare if this is required.</p> <p>To approve spend of up to £0.284m over the contract period for night care arrangements.</p> <p>To delegate authority to the Director of Contracting and Procurement to approve the outcome of the procurement process and award the contract to the successful provider</p> <p>To delegate authority to the Head of Contracting and Procurement to sign the final contract and agree annual extensions on the basis of performance and budget availability.</p>

Reasons for the Decision(s)

Nottingham City Council is committed to the provision of Extra Care services as part of the Better Lives Better Outcomes programme. By providing tenancies with onsite support, including night provision, citizens are able to remain independent in their own homes for longer. This approach can delay or prevent the need for residential care. Nottingham City uses higher levels of residential care than other comparable Local Authorities.

Albany House is an existing Extra Care service in Nottingham City. There are 72 units in total and there are currently 12 citizens with a commissioned care plan. The accommodation provider, Paragon Asra are willing to allow Adult Social Care nomination rights to the majority and potentially all of these units. The accommodation is of a good quality and there is scope to expand the current service through better utilisation of nomination rights. A new nominations process has recently been introduced by Adult Social Care (ASC) which aims to identify citizens who are eligible for Extra Care early on to ensure that vacancies are filled when they arise.

Night care is included in the Nottingham model for Extra Care however as there are currently no night time needs at Albany House, night care will not be provided until the first citizen requires it. The total value of the decision is likely therefore to be less than that stated. As part of the tender process providers will be asked to detail how they would provide night care, delivering an appropriate level of service whilst also demonstrating value for money. This will be within the financial envelope requested for this decision.

The decision value is based on current commissioned packages of care, which have been agreed through separate Adult Social Care processes and the block contracts for night care. A block arrangement for night care is the only way for this to be sustainable until such time as there are 8 hours of night care commissioned per night.

Based on the average cost of an Extra Care package, compared to a residential placement, there is the potential to deliver a saving of £7436pa per person, even when the additional cost of night care is included.

The service Specification for Extra Care has been re-written to reflect the focus on promoting independence wherever possible. There is a clear focus on enablement and on achieving the outcomes set in the citizen's care and support plan. A nominations process has been developed with ASC to clearly define the roles of ASC, the care provider and the landlord in the nominations process which will ensure that the most appropriate use is made of Extra Care provision within Nottingham City. Citizens with care needs who are at risk of requiring residential care will be given priority

Other Options Considered:

- 1. Deliver the care services through the Homecare Accreditation and Framework. This option would put additional pressure on the Homecare market and would force citizens to change their care provider.

- 2. Move residents of Albany House into the new Extra Care service being developed at Winwood Heights. Residents of Albany House have tenancies and may not wish to leave their current accommodation. Citizens of Extra Care can have complex needs and a move is likely to necessitate a change of carer which would be particularly distressing where there is a risk of dementia. Nottingham City Council is actively looking to increase the amount of Extra Care provision within the City in order to reduce reliance on residential care. If the residents of Albany House moved to Winwood Heights then this would leave only 7 new units available which would significantly impact the ability to reduce reliance on residential care, improve outcomes for older people and to realise the savings associated with this.

- 3. Do nothing. This is not an option as the current contract with Agincare is coming to an end and a new contractual arrangement is required.

Background Papers:

NA

Published Works:

NA

Affected Wards:

Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

none

Consultations:

Date: 08/04/2019

Other: Citizens currently Resident at Albany House

A number of residents who are part of the Extra Care service have been consulted with to see if they are satisfied with the service they are receiving; which they stated they were. Residents will also be invited to be part of the tender marking process.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

NA

Equality:

EIA not required. Reasons: This decision involves the retendering of an existing service. Citizens will not see a reduction in the level of service which they currently receive.

Social Value Considerations: The service is expected to add social value in Nottingham through (but not limited to):. Encouraging and enabling service users to facilitate and lead on activities at the service and to support other residents in accessing these activities. . Social inclusion for service users and the representation of service users as positive contributors to the life of the city. . Preventing costs to other services such as health, particularly emergency health services.. Enabling older people to remain independent in their own homes and reducing the need for residential provision. . Employing care workers from the local community as much as possible.. To enable local citizens in the surrounding areas to make use of the facilities where possible and appropriate.

Decision Type: Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In: Yes

Call In Expiry date: 21/06/2019

Advice Sought: Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice: This report does not rise any significant legal issues provided the contract is awarded in accordance with the City Council's Financial Regulations and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The contract will need to facilitate the arrangements which will be entered into between the care provider and the landlord of Albany House. The Legal Services Team can assist with the development of the necessary contract documents. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 20/05/2019.

Finance Advice: See attached Finance advice.
Advice provided by Hayley Mason (Strategic Finance Business Partner) on 13/05/2019.
Advice documents: Extracare - Albany House - Finance Advice.doc

Procurement Advice: The procurement of a care service provider for the service outlined in this report will be undertaken by the Procurement Team in compliance with EU and UK Procurement Regulations (Light Touch Regime) and is supported from a procurement perspective.
Advice provided by Julie Herrod (Procurement Officer) on 10/05/2019.

Signatures
Adele Williams (Portfolio Holder for Adult Care & Local Transport)
SIGNED and Dated: 13/06/2019
Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)
SIGNED and Dated: 30/05/2019