







## Executive Decision Taken under Cabinet Delegated Authority

<b>Subject:</b>	<p>ITT076 – Provision of Supported Lodgings Service for Single Homeless People aged 16 to 25 years old</p> <p>Period - 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022</p>
<b>Director:</b>	<p>Katharine Willmette – Interim Director of Adult Social Care</p>
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<p>Yes Original recommendations and approvals documentation from Cabinet minutes 20 February 2019 (Key Decision Ref. No. SMBC10/2/2018) are attached with this report as appendix 8.1), <i>“that the Director – Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer enter into contracts for supported lodgings with successful tenderers for a period of two years with the option to extend these contracts further for two periods of one year on terms to be agreed by the Executive Director – Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing;”</i></p>
<b>Delegation Reference</b>	<p>See above</p>
<b>Contribution towards Vision 2030:</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">      </div> <p>The contracted service contributes to the Council Vision 2030 and in particular the following ambitions:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambition 2: Sandwell is a place where we live healthy lives and live them for longer, and where those of us who are vulnerable feel respected and cared for.</li> <li>• Ambition 5: Our communities are built on mutual respect and taking care of each other, supported by all the agencies that ensure we feel safe and protected in our homes and local neighbourhoods</li> <li>• Ambition 10: Sandwell now has a national reputation for getting things done, where all local partners are focused on what really matters in people's lives and communities.</li> </ul> 
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## 1. DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Interim Director of Adult Social Care be authorised to execute the delegation, which was approved in the original Cabinet report dated 20 February 2019, to approve the utilisation of the first contract extension in relation to ITT076 the provision of Supported Lodgings to accommodate Single Homeless people aged 16-25 years old for period 1 August 2021 to 1 July 2022

Which stated ... *“that the Director – Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer enter into contracts for supported lodgings with successful tenderers for a period of two years with the option to extend these contracts further for two periods of one year on terms to be agreed by the Executive Director – Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing;”*

## **2. Reason(s) for Recommendation**

- 2.1 This paper seeks to provide an update in relation to ITT076 Provision of Supported Lodgings service for single homeless people aged 16-25 years old due to expire 31 July 2021.

## **3. Alternative Options considered and discounted**

- 3.1 The option to extend a contract with the provisions to do so is the normal course of action apart from where there may be concerns, for example, around a change in commissioning priorities, unsatisfactory performance and/or available budget.
- 3.2 Previous tender exercises have resulted in very limited market interest due to the very specialised nature of the support required to fulfil the specification and due to the very specific type and availability of accommodation required.
- 3.3 Re-tendering at this stage is not considered to be the appropriate option until the current contract expires in order to comply with financial regulations.

## **4. Purpose of the report**

- 4.1 The contract for the Provision of the Supported Lodgings service for single homeless people who are 16-25 years old in relation to ITT076 is due to expire on the 31 July 2021 and have an option to extend for two further periods of 12 months each (see appendix 8.3 contract sign off report). This contract is

currently held by YMCA Black Country Group.

- 4.2 The maximum cost of the 12 month extension period for the contract is £63,250. For full breakdown of costs per annum please see 6.3 below.
- 4.3 The intention is to enact the first 12 month extension period for this contract from 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022.
- 4.4 DMT have already approved the recommendation to utilise the first 12 month extension option in the existing contract on 21 January 2021. See appendix 8.4
- 4.5 There are no financial implications as expenditure for the period of the extension will come from the existing programme spend.
- 4.6 In terms of demonstrating value for money, the contracts are activity/spot based and the contract values detailed in 6.3 below represent maximum possible spend. In recent years the contract values for this service area have been revised downwards in line with expectations around achieving savings.
- 4.7 For the next 12 months a continuation of the existing contract via extension would be more financially beneficial than the award of a new contract which could potentially include service set up costs.
- 4.8 To date , the contract has been delivered to a high standard by YMCA Black Country Group.
- 4.9 The Cabinet Minutes show *“that the Director – Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer enter into contracts for supported lodgings with successful tenderers for a period of two years with the option to extend these contracts further for two periods of one year on terms to be agreed by the Executive Director – Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing;”*  
This post no longer exists, therefore, we are seeking approval from the Interim Director of Adult Social Care Katharine Willmare.

## 5. How does this support Vision 2030?

5.1 The service supports Vision 2030 as the service plays a fundamental role in preventing incidences of homelessness within the Sandwell Borough by providing quality, safe accommodation and delivering support to service users; this enables them to build resilience, live healthy, active lives, reduce their isolation, playing an active role in their communities and pursue employment and educational opportunities.

## 6. Current position/Background Details

6.1 On the 20 February 2019, Cabinet approved the contract for the Provision of Supported Lodgings to accommodate single homeless people aged 16-25 years old. Cabinet decision and Cabinet report detailed in appendices 8.1 & 8.2

6.2 The Contract was awarded to YMCA Black Country Group with terms commencing on 1 August 2019 for a period of 2 years with an option to extend further twice, each for a 1-year period , (subject to the Council's need for the service). See Appendix 8.3 contract sign off report.

6.3 Maximum Contract Value over a maximum four-year period are in table below.

<u>Provider</u>	Year 1 2019/20	Year 2 2020/21	Year 3 Extension 2021/22	Year 4 Extension 2022/23	Total
Total Annual Cost- YMCA Black Country group (Max 15 Units)	63,250	63,250	63,250	63,250	253,000

. \*Please note the above costs reflect the total units allocated and total cost

\*\* This table details both one-year extension periods available subject to agreement.

This report is for the first extension period, year three, 2021/22 only.

- 6.4 Council officers have met regularly with the provider to monitor and evaluate the Service throughout the contract, as well as collecting relevant performance data: The provider maintains high-quality service delivery and offers flexibility of support to meet different and fluctuating levels of need, delivering positive service user outcomes.
- 6.5 In addition, the provider undertakes regular engagement activities with service users and stakeholders, which evidences they value the support they receive from the service provided.

## 7. Implications

<b>Resources:</b>	The annual revenue cost for the contracts will come from existing programme budgets and, therefore, there are no additional resource requirements.
<b>Legal:</b>	<p>Legal implications including regulations/law under which proposals are required/permitted</p> <p>The Service was tendered under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and in accordance with Sandwell's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules, in relation to the procurement exercise a contract notice was published on In-tend – the Council's e-procurement portal - and on the Government's Contract Finder website.</p> <p>(Cabinet 20 February 2019 2018 Key Decision Ref. No. SMBC10/2/2018).</p> <p>The service plays a fundamental role in preventing incidences of homelessness within the Sandwell Borough. This contributes to duties placed on local authorities as part of the Homeless Reduction Act 2018.</p>
<b>Equality:</b>	For the cabinet report an Equality Impact Screening document was completed beforehand and this identified that, should there be no further reductions in funding from other parts of the Council or its strategic

	partners then there is likely to be no adverse impact on protected groups because of these proposals.
<b>Risk:</b>	The service plays a fundamental role in preventing incidences of homelessness within the Borough, which contributes to duties placed on local authorities as part of the Homeless Reduction Act 2017. Utilising the extension period significantly reduces the risk to vulnerable people of finding themselves without safe appropriate accommodation and support.
<b>Health and Wellbeing:</b>	<p>The Service helps to ensure that vulnerable young adults who are at risk of homelessness and social exclusion can remain safe and independent within the community, due to the support and accommodation they receive. The service delivers against several Council priorities: improved wider health and wellbeing outcomes, addressing loneliness and isolation, improving financial inclusion and building resilient and independent communities.</p> <p>The service supports the Council's Social Value agenda as they support Sandwell residents to achieve their full potential: The service encourages a culture of self-help, mutual support and giving something back to the community, through peer mentoring, volunteering and employment opportunities within provider organisations.</p>

In accordance with the authority delegated to Chief Officers to act on matters within the authority delegated to them under Part 3 of the Council's Constitution, I intend to take the action(s) recommended above.

I ~~do~~/do not have an interest to declare in this matter

  
**Katharine Willmette**

**Interim Director of Adult Social Care**

**Date 19th May 2021**

## **8. Appendices**

### **8.1 Cabinet Minutes**

(20 February 2019 see ref 18/19)



Cabinet Minutes  
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### **8.2 Cabinet Report**

(20 February 2019 ref SMBC 10/02/2019)



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### **8.3 Contact Sign Off report**



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### **8.4 DMT report 15 January 2021**



Contract Intentions  
Report January 2021.

## **9. Source Documents**

List source documents