



Executive Decision Taken under Cabinet Delegated Authority



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| Subject: | Variation to the Community Living Support Networks Contract |
| Director: | Neil Cox Director of Prevention and Protection |
| Key Decision: | Yes |
| Delegation Reference | Cabinet on Wednesday 9 September, agenda Item 10, |
| Contribution towards Vision 2030: |   |
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1. DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Statutory Officers Group

(1) The Director of Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing be authorised to vary the Community Living Support Networks contract, to extend the contract on the same terms for one year,

from 2nd November 2020 to 1 November 2021, with a total value of £116,490.

2 Reason(s) for Recommendation

- 2.1 To enact a Cabinet decision taken in September 2020 to vary the Community Living Support Networks contract, to extend the contract on the same terms for one year, from 2nd November 2020 to 1 November 2021, with a total value of £116,490.

3 Alternative Options Considered and Discounted

- 3.1 Officers considered the following options 1 and 2 and were discounted as detailed below. The latter option 3 was determined to be the most advantageous.
- 3.2 **Option 1:** Allow the contract to expire on 1 November 2020. This is not regarded as a beneficial option for the Council, given that the Service successfully manages demand away from higher cost interventions.
- 3.3 **Option 2:** Tender the Service. The Service is deemed as 'light touch' service and therefore the Council is required to undertake a procurement process which is fair, transparent and open.

However, as a result of the COVID 19 (Coronavirus) crisis, the Government instituted 'lockdown' on Monday 23 March 2020 and all Council activity was suspended due to COVID. This was both to comply with Government and to allow officers to deal with the local consequences of the crisis. Accordingly, non-priority activities or projects were halted or postponed.

- 3.3. **Option 3:** To seek a variation of the Contract to extend the Contract for 1 year at the current contract value.
- 3.4 **Option 3** was the recommended option presented to Cabinet, as this carries the least risk in terms of potential impact on customers, other services and on the Council's statutory duties given its success at maintaining vulnerable adults in their own homes in the community.

4 Purpose of the report

- 4.1 To enact the decision to vary the Community Living Support Networks contract, to extend the contract on the same terms for one year, from 2nd November 2020 to 1 November 2021, with a total value of £116,490.
- 4.2 Further information on the recommendation to Cabinet to approve the extension can be found in the attached Cabinet report.

5 How does this support Vision 2030?

- 5.1 The Service aligns with the Sandwell Vision **2030** and has a positive impact for both the vulnerable adults receiving the service and the wider community. The Service helps to ensure that vulnerable adults who are at risk of social exclusion can remain safe and independent within the community due to the support they receive. Furthermore, it contributes to the following Councils ambitions:
- **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;
 - **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.

6 Current position / Background Details

- 6.1 In September 2014, the Council commissioned a Community Living Support Networks Service. The Council approved the award of the contract for the provision of Community Living Support Networks Service in Sandwell to KeyRing Support Living Networks (KeyRing).
- 6.2 The contract was awarded for two years for the period 2 November 2015 to 1st November 2017 with option to extend for a further 1 year up to 1 November 2018 and was extended for a further 1 year to 1 November 2018.

- 6.3 Thereafter, the Service was recommissioned and KeyRing Living Support Networks (KeyRing) was successful in securing the contract for a further two years for the period 2 November 2018 to 1 November 2020.
- 6.4 Further information on the contract can be found within the Cabinet Report Attached.

7 Implications

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| Resources: | <p>The current annual revenue cost of the contract extension is £116,490 per year and will be funded from Adult Social Care existing budgets and therefore there are no additional resource implications. There are no capital implications arising from this contract extension.</p> |
| Legal: | <p>The Service to be provided under this contract is deemed Schedule 3 'light touch' service under the Public Contracts Regulations. As such, the Service should be procured by one of the competitive procurement routes following publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal if the contract value exceeds £633,540.</p> <p>However, the Council's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules do apply.</p> <p>Corporate Procurement were consulted as part of the Cabinet reporting process and advised that approval to vary this contract to extend the expiry date by twelve months should be sought in order to facilitate the necessary consultation that needs to be carried out before deciding upon the longer-term future for this service.</p> <p>Twelve months is considered sufficient to allow for the review process and then, if required, a procurement process in compliance with the Council's Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules.</p> |

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| | <p>Section 15 of the Council’s Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules allows for an exemption from following the requirements to undertake a competitive tender process in circumstances where it is not possible to do so.</p> <p>The value of this contract is below the thresholds set out in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and publication of a notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is not required.</p> |
| Equality: | An Equalities Impact Assessment was completed for the report to cabinet which identified no detrimental impacts to any protected groups as a result of the decision to extend this contract. |
| Risk: | Failure to put this contract arrangement in place will mean that customers will be left without the vital support they need to live independently and most likely need costly services from the Council or other public services in the future. This will also mean that the Council does not follow the essential Care Act guidance on preventing, reducing or delaying needs. |
| Health and Wellbeing: | <p>The Service helps to ensure that vulnerable adults who are at risk of social exclusion can remain safe and independent within the community due to the support they receive. The Service is vital in delivering 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>This Service fully supports the Council’s social value agenda as it assists Sandwell residents to achieve their full potential: it encourages a culture of self-help, mutual support and giving something back to the community through peer mentoring and volunteering.</p> |
| Other: | |

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



Director Neil Cox - Director of Prevention and Protection

Date 29.10.20

If the Constitution requires the decision to be taken in consultation with another chief officer, the following signature box should also be included

I confirm that I have been consulted on the above proposals and have no objection to their proceeding.



Cllr Shaeen

Cabinet Member for Healthy Lives

Date X

8. Appendices



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9. Source Documents

None other than those contained within the original Cabinet Report