

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Thursday, 11 October 2018

Decision No: (CAB 18/19 21585)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE
PORTFOLIO AREA:	ADULT CARE
SUBJECT:	HOME CARE WINTER PRESSURES CAPACITY PLAN
AUTHOR:	SENIOR COMMISSIONER – SYSTEM REDESIGN

THE DECISION

Having complied with paragraph 15 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules:

- (i) To authorise additional expenditure, in this financial year, to provide sustainability and responsiveness across the Home Care commissioning;
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Director of Quality and Integration to carry the necessary commissioning arrangement for Home Care as set out in the report and to enter into contracts in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules. This will result in one provider having their contract value increased for a period of November 2018 to March 2019.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This report is submitted for consideration as a General Exception under paragraph 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the City Council's Constitution, notice having been given to the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Panel and the Public. The matter requires an urgent decision as additional pressures over the summer period have contributed to a higher than usual demand for home care as we move into the winter period.

The proposed increase in spending provides a small amount of guaranteed hours of home care which will contribute, along with increased capacity in the Integrated Urgent Response Service (URS), to provide greater responsiveness and sustainability of delivery over the winter period.

The additional spend proposed will result in an award to one provider which will take the Council's spend, to that provider, over £500,000 which meets the threshold for an increase of Key Decision. The additional spend is outlined in section 6.1 of the report.

Note: The usual additional spend to address winter pressures is agreed through the appropriate delegation to the Director of Quality and Integration and Cabinet Member's sign off.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The alternative option is to continue with the current level of commissioning, including an increase which can be awarded within the usual delegation and continue to procure Home Care through a normal call off process. Analysis of current position and learning from previous periods of peak demand suggest that this will be insufficient to meet the need of the client group. The impact will be that a large number of clients at any one time will be waiting for a package of care which is unsatisfactory from them and has a direct impact on capacity across the health and social care system.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 11th October, 2018

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet Member

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council’s Scrutiny “Call-In” provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed <i>(if applicable)</i>
Call-in heard by <i>(if applicable)</i>
Results of Call-in <i>(if applicable)</i>