

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 18 July 2017

Decision No: (CAB 17/18 19014)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HOUSING AND ADULT CARE
SUBJECT:	PROCUREMENT OF CARERS SUPPORT SERVICES
AUTHOR:	Kirsten Killander

THE DECISION

- (i) To approve the recommendation to proceed with a procurement of an integrated Carers Support Services
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Director of Quality & Integration to carry out a procurement process for the provision for the carers' support services as set out in this report and to enter into contracts in accordance with the Contract Procedure Rules.
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Director of Quality & Integration following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Members to decide on the final model of commissioned services for Carers Support Services and all decision making in relation to this recommissioning.
- (iv) To authorise the Director of Quality and Integration to take all necessary actions to implement the proposals contained in this report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. The provision of effective carers IAS and assessments supports the outcomes the Council wants to achieve in relation to increasing prevention and early intervention and helping people to find their own solutions as far as possible.
2. There is an opportunity to integrate young carers and adult services to improve the adoption of whole family approaches when supporting families where young carers exist, and limit them having inappropriate caring roles.
3. Integrating the services reflects a wider piece of work with voluntary sector providers which aims to consolidate services into larger single contracts, with partnership arrangements where appropriate, to achieve greater impact and support preventative approaches.
4. The contracts for the current carers' services will come to an end in March 2018 and there is a need to recommission these services to comply with public procurement law.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. To continue to fund individual services without maximising the opportunities for developing an integrated approach to service delivery: this would not provide the most appropriate service and miss opportunities for improving access for individuals.
2. To provide all assessments through the Carers Support Services: this would not adequately enable the development of appropriately linking carers' assessments with replacement care required for them to live a life independently of caring.
3. To decommission either or both services: the Council has to provide the service to meet statutory requirements and the decision to externally commission reflects the findings of the review and successful performance of the service in a community setting.

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: 18 July 2017

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Pat Wood

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