

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### EXECUTIVE LEADER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 by the Leader of the Council.

Date notified to all members: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021

#### 1. **TITLE**

Supporting People With Mental Illness Who Have No Recourse To Public Funds.

#### 2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That the Leader of the Council:

1. Approves a procurement exercise to identify a preferred provider for a five-year contract in accordance with the required service specification to meet the statutory duties as outlined in this report;
2. Delegates authority to the Head of Commissioning for Vulnerable People in consultation with the Director of Legal and Governance and the Director of Finance and Commercial Services to agree the terms of the contract, including any appropriate variations, to the new provider; and
3. To the extent not already delegated to them by the Leader's Scheme of Delegation, delegates authority to the Director of Strategy and Commissioning, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services and the Director of Finance and Commercial Services, to take any other decisions necessary in order to meet the aims and objectives of the report.

#### 3. **Reasons For Decision**

1. These options have been recommended because they provide a personal service to those in need of support, housed in independent settings that support recovery. As a City of Sanctuary, Sheffield has offered a supported accommodation programme for several years, and this is the right kind of service to be providing.
2. The proposed service is more cost-effective than alternative options.

#### 4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

1. Alternative option 1: Do nothing. This would mean the current provision for

this vulnerable group would cease to exist on 1 October 2021. This is not a viable option given the Council's statutory duties.

2. Alternative option 2: Cease to provide a specialist service but instead place service users in standard residential home accommodation for those with a mental health condition. This would be a more expensive option than the one proposed in this paper: using a ballpark figure of £700 per week per resident per standard mental health residential home, the annual cost for an asylum seeker without recourse to public funds would be £36,400. Due to s117 regulations, the Council would pay half of this, costing £18,200 per person. This would mean an annual cost of £345,800 to the Council. Therefore, the service model proposed in this paper is a cost-effective way of providing the support the Council is statutorily obliged to provide.

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Director of Strategy & Commissioning

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee