

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Wednesday 16 January 2019 by the Cabinet.

Date notified to all members: Thursday 24 January 2019

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Wednesday 30 January 2019

The decision can be implemented from Thursday 31 January 2019

Item No

8. THE ENHANCED SUPPORTED LIVING FRAMEWORK

8.1 The Executive Director, People Services submitted a report proposing the provision of an Enhanced Supported Living Framework for people with a learning disability and/or autism who display behaviour that challenges.

8.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) approves the provision of supported living services for people with a learning disability and/or autism who display behaviour that challenges (“Enhanced Supported Living Services”) in order to provide positive outcomes and sustainable quality at best value for the people of Sheffield;
- (b) delegates authority to the Director of Adult Services, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Commercial Services and the Director of Legal and Governance:
 - (i) to decide the procurement strategy for Enhanced Supported Living Services;
 - (ii) to negotiate and agree the invitation to tender documentation including the terms of the framework contract and any call-off contracts in respect of the Enhanced Supported Living Services;
 - (iii) to award the framework contracts to the successful services providers chosen by the Council; and
 - (iv) to take all other necessary steps not covered by existing delegations to achieve the outcomes outlined in the report; and
- (c) notes that the Council may call off services from the Enhanced Supported Living Services framework on behalf of Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) as described in paragraph 1.20 of the report; and delegates authority to the Director of Adult Services, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Commercial Services and the Director of Legal and Governance, to approve the terms of the arrangement with Sheffield CCG

and also take all other necessary steps in order to minimise the Council's risks in such arrangement.

8.3 **Reasons for Decision**

8.3.1 There is a gap in the local market for community-based support for people with learning disabilities and/or autism who display behaviours that challenge. Without an Enhanced Supported Living Framework we would:-

- continue to rely on residential care options, including out of city services, which would limit individual choice and outcomes and can be more costly than Supported Living, and
- be limited to the regional enhanced community living framework for supported living options.

8.3.2 The proposed local Enhanced Supported Living Framework will also:-

- provide new options for children and young people who display behaviours that challenge to have local community-based support
- enable strong local partnership working with selected providers to continually develop and improve
- enable robust local monitoring of the quality of support for highly vulnerable individuals
- facilitate transition from Enhanced to standard Supported Living services

8.3.3 The proposed local Enhanced Supported Living Framework will allow Sheffield to secure good quality, resilient community-based support that guarantees best value for the city.

8.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

8.4.1 Option 1 – Regional Care Options

Without an Enhanced Supported Living Framework, we would:-

- continue to rely on residential care options, which would limit individual choice and outcomes and can be more costly than Supported Living
- be limited to the regional enhanced community living framework for supported living options

8.4.2 Option 2 – Regional framework

We have appraised the option of using only the regional enhanced community living framework and consider there are significant benefits in having our own local enhanced framework.

The Regional framework focuses exclusively on the Transforming Care cohort, whereas a local framework can be wider i.e. include prevention, return from out of city residential care, help with transition and other complex needs.

A local framework

- will facilitate smoother transition from an enhanced service to the standard framework where the same organisation provides both
- will allow small local organisations with local community-based networks who do not wish to bid to be on the wider regional framework to support people who display behaviours that challenge
- can be re-opened at our discretion, offering more local control over the market
- allow closer control over price
- builds on the local framework and relationships
- builds on success of local standard framework

8.5 Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None

8.6 Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration

None

8.7 Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Jayne Ludlam, Executive Director, People Services

8.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In

Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care

9. FURNISHED ACCOMMODATION PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

9.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report seeking to obtain permission for Sheffield City Council to tender for, and award contracts for the provision of furnished accommodation goods under a fully Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and OJEU compliant Framework. The existing contract is due to end in January 2019 and it is intended that a waiver be sought to extend this contract for a period of 10 weeks so that a full procurement and contract award process can be completed, whilst maintaining the service provision and our contractual obligations.

9.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

- (a) agrees that services be procured via a Framework Agreement for the supply of furnished goods as detailed and outlined within the report; and
- (b) delegates authority to the Director of Finance and Commercial Services, in consultation with the Director of Housing and Neighbourhoods, to award such contract and take such other necessary steps not covered by existing delegations to achieve the outcomes outlined in the report.

9.3 Reasons for Decision

9.3.1 The reasons for recommending this business are highlighted in the summary of benefits at section 2 of the report.

9.3.2 The successful tender and contract awards will benefit vulnerable residents of the city and offer opportunities to develop the Furnished Accommodation Service with other Local Authorities and Registered Social Landlords

9.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

9.4.1 N/A

9.5 Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None

9.6 Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration

None

9.7 Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Laraine Manley, Executive Director, Place

9.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In

Safer and Stronger Communities

10. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUSINESS PLAN AND HRA BUDGET 2019/20

10.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report providing the 2019/20 update of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan. It includes proposals to:

- Take a proactive approach to managing our neighbourhoods and supporting our tenants
- Prioritise investment in fire safety measures

- Continue to deliver improvements to our tenants' homes to make sure they continue to be well maintained over the next 5 years
- Keep costs under control and explore HRA savings with the aim of getting better value for money on contracts and paying for the services we use
- Accelerate the council housing new build programme and maximise the use of HRA flexibilities to further increase the provision of new homes

10.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet recommends to the meeting of the City Council on 6 February 2019 that:

- (a) the HRA Business Plan report for 2019/20, as set out in the appendix to the report, is approved;
- (b) the HRA Revenue Budget 2019/20, as set out in the appendix to the report, is approved;
- (c) rents for Council dwellings, including temporary accommodation, are reduced by 1% from April 2019 in line with requirements in the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016;
- (d) garage rents for garage plots and garage sites will remain unchanged for 2019/20;
- (e) the community heating standing charge will increase by 20p per week for 2019/20;
- (f) the sheltered housing service charge will remain unchanged for 2019/20;
- (g) burglar alarm charges will remain unchanged for 2019/20; and
- (h) Service charges for furnished accommodation will remain unchanged for 2019/20.

10.3 **Reasons for Decision**

10.3.1 To optimise the number of good quality affordable Council homes in the city.

10.3.2 To maximise the financial resources to deliver key outcomes for tenants and the city in the context of a self-financing funding regime.

10.3.3 To ensure that tenants' homes continue to be well maintained and to optimise investment in estates.

10.3.4 To assure the long term sustainability of Council housing in Sheffield.

10.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

10.4.1 Sheffield City Council has a statutory duty to produce an annual balanced HRA budget, which is evidenced by the Business Plan update, therefore no alternative

option was considered to producing the report.

10.5 Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None

10.6 Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration

None

10.7 Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Laraine Manley, Executive Director, Place

10.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In

N/A

(Note: This is subject to approval at Full Council at its meeting to be held on 6 February 2019 and is not subject to call-in).

11. MONTH 8 CAPITAL APPROVALS

11.1 The Executive Director, Resources submitted a report providing details of proposed changes to the Capital Programme as brought forward in Month 08 2018/19.

11.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet:-

(a) approves the proposed additions and variations to the Capital Programme listed in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 including the procurement strategies and delegates authority to the Director of Finance and Commercial Services or nominated Officer, as appropriate, to award the necessary contracts; and

(b) approves the variations to the Housing Capital Programme as part of the annual programme refresh as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.

11.3 Reasons for Decision

11.3.1 The proposed changes to the Capital Programme will improve the services to the people of Sheffield.

11.3.2 To formally record changes to the Capital Programme and gain Member approval for changes in line with Financial Regulations and to reset the Capital Programme in line with latest information.

11.3.3 Obtain the relevant delegations to allow projects to proceed.

11.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

11.4.1 A number of alternative courses of action are considered as part of the process undertaken by Officers before decisions are recommended to Members. The recommendations made to Members represent what Officers believe to be the best options available to the Council, in line with Council priorities, given the constraints on funding and the use to which funding is put within the Revenue Budget and the Capital Programme.

11.5 **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

11.6 **Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration**

None

11.7 **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Eugene Walker, Executive Director, Resources

11.8 **Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In**

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee