

# **Notice of Non-Key Executive Decision**

| Subject Heading:                              | Approval for contract extension to provide care at Paines Brook Court extra care scheme  |
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| Cabinet Member:                               | Councillor Wendy Brice-Thompson,<br>Cabinet member for Adult Services<br>and Health  |
| CMT Lead:                                     | Barbara Nicholls, Director of Adult<br>Social Care   |
| Report Author and contact details:            | Daren Mulley, Commissioning Manager T: 01708 433982 E: daren.mulley@havering.gov.uk  |
| Policy context:                               | Havering Extra Care Housing Strategy (2011-21) It is one of the Council's core priorities to improve quality of life for residents aged 65 and over, and enable as many older people as possible to live independently in their own home, for as long as possible. |
|   | Havering Health & Wellbeing Strategy - Early help for vulnerable people to live independently for longer   |
| Financial summary:                            | This is an existing commitment for which budget already exists. The value of the contract extension would cost £236,902.50 for the six month two week period of the extension  |
| Relevant OSC:                                 | Individuals  |
| Is this decision exempt from being called-in? | No   |

# The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

| Havering will be clean and its environment will be cared for |     |
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| People will be safe, in their homes and in the community     | [x] |
| Residents will be proud to live in Havering                  |     |

# Part A - Report seeking decision

#### DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

This decision paper requests approval for the extension of the contract with Care Support for care at Paines Brook Court extra care scheme. The option to extend is an existing provision within the current contract and this paper is requesting a six month two week extension so that the contract ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

#### **AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE**

Constitution Part 3 Responsibility of Functions Section 3.3 Powers of Members of the Corporate Management Team to award all contracts with a total contract value of between £156,000 and £5,000,000.

#### STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Paines Brook Court is a purpose built extra care housing scheme that opened in 2006 and was developed in partnership between Housing 21 and the London Borough of Havering. The site comprises a total of 64 flats across three floors (one and two bedrooms). The Council has a nominations agreement in place with Housing 21. In total, 59 flats are designated for social rent and 5 are shared ownership. Of the 59 flats for social rent, 6 are designated as short stay or extended support flats for periods up to 15 weeks with an ethos of reablement / rehabilitation. The care and support contract provides to residents of all 64 flats regardless of their designation, based upon the assessed needs of individuals.

The Council currently commissions Care & Support to provide the contract for care at Paines Brook Court with the Council with the contract commencing with Care & Support on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 for three years. Under Clause 3.2 of the terms and conditions of the contract, the Council has the option to extend the contract for up to two years and wishes to invoke this clause and extend by six months and two weeks (15<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018). This would bring this contract in line with the other extra care schemes and, as a result, would enable the Council to collectively tender and award all three of its extra care schemes to commence in April 2018.

#### OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

1. **Do nothing and let the contract expire:** If the contract is not modified, the Council runs the risk of having no service when the notice period ends in September 2017. This option is not practical as the local authority has a statutory duty to provide support and services to the residents of the scheme.

2. **Tender for a new contract:** The Council's is planning to go out to tender for all three extra care housing schemes together with either a single or multiple contracts commencing April 2018.

#### PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

# NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Name: Daren Mulley

Designation: Joint Commissioning Unit

Signature:

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017

# Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

The report proposes an extension of the current contract with Care & Support for care and support to residents at Paines Brook Court.

The Care Act 2014 places a number of general duties on the Council. Some of these duties are performed by the provider under the current contract. The way in which the provider meets these requirements have been previously listed in this report.

Officers have confirmed that Care & Support (the provider) has performed the service to a satisfactory level under the current contract.

An extension period should not exceed 50% of the awarded contract value. The value of the 3 year awarded contract was £1,312,740.00. The value of the contract extension is less than 50% at £236,902.50.

The published notice permitted the contract to continue past the defined period by referring to an option to extend for a further 2 years.

An extension to a contract may be made by a chief officer under the Scheme of Delegation.

Tara Philip

Commercial Contracts and Procurement Solicitor

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The contract modification will be funded through the Adult Social Care budget within Adult Community Commissioning (A34060). This is an existing commitment for which budget already exists.

As part of the Extra-care retendering exercise, options for delivery will be explored to ensure service user unmet needs continue to be provided for within the schemes in the most cost effective way, and will consider other opportunities to mitigate the need for direct intervention, where other cost effective services can be mobilised (such as assistive technology) in meeting assessed needs.

Falil Onikoyi – Strategic Finance Business Partner – Adults & Public Health Services

# HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS (AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)

There are no HR implications or risks directly affecting the Council or its workforce that can be identified at present in relation to the proposed decision, as set out in this report.

Eve Anderson - Strategic HR Business Partner, oneSource HR & OD

#### **EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

An EIA was not completed for the original contract, however, a draft has now been completed and sent to the Corporate Diversity Advisor for comment. The advice is that when the final EIA is published in October 2017, it will demonstrate that the related service is inclusive and that older people who identify under the Protected Characteristics, and those who do not, are equally eligible and provided for. It is further advised that the EIA should pay special attention to disability, sexuality and age-related health issues and clarify any special considerations or provision for older people from BME backgrounds. As stated, the service at Paines Brook provides opportunities for social contact and to minimise risk of social isolation.

Vernal Scott – Equalities & Diversity Officer – Community Safety

|                | BACKGROUND PAPERS |  |
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| Not applicable |                   |  |

### Part C - Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

#### Decision

Proposal agreed

#### **Details of decision maker**

Signed

Name:

Barbara Nicholls

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CMT Member title: Director of Adult Services

Date:

22/05/2017

# Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to the proper officer, Andrew Beesley, Committee Administration & Interim Member Support Manager in the Town Hall.

| For use by Committee Administration |  |
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| This notice was lodged with me on   |  |
| Signed                              |  |
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