



## INDIVIDUALS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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**Subject Heading:**

Approval for Award of Contract for Reablement Services– call in of Executive Decision

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**Policy context:**

Service for Individuals

In accordance with paragraph 17 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Rules, a requisition signed by two Members representing more than one Group (Councillors Keith Darvill and Clarence Barrett) has called in the decision of the Cabinet Member dated 11 July 2012. The text of the requisition appears at the end of this report:

### **CABINET DECISION**

- Cabinet agreed on 11 July 2012 to approve the award of the contract to Bidder A. The contract award will be for a period of five years. It will be for the delivery of a guaranteed block of 1000 hours per week, and up to an additional 250 hours per week as required.
- That all necessary action be taken by the Council and by Bidder A, including all actions and communication in relation to the transfer of staff under TUPE, to enable the implementation of the contract from 1 November 2012.

### **Reasons for decisions:**

There are clear policy objectives that have been set both nationally and locally for prevention, reablement and independence. The externalisation of the reablement service is intended to contribute to the implementation of these strategies by ensuring that reablement is available to a greater number of people, thereby increasing the independence and improving the health and wellbeing of adults in Havering.

Increasing numbers of people, particularly older people, will require a service in the future, placing significant increased pressure on budgets.

**Other options considered and rejected:**

As detailed in the attached Cabinet Report of 11 July 2012.

**REASONS FOR REQUISITION**

1. Insufficient consideration has been given to the options to retain an in-house service.
2. There has been no consultation with service users.
3. In view of the proposal to transfer under the Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment regulation (TUPE) to examine why similar savings could not be achieved with an in-house service
4. To examine the "Tender" arrangements and processes used in identifying the preferred bidder
5. To consider the outcomes arising from similar service externalisations in other Councils.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Committee considers the requisition of the decision of Cabinet and determine whether to uphold it.**