

Report to CABINET

Positive Steps Contract Extension for Targeted Youth Support lots 2 and 3.

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Reason for Decision

Permissions is sought for Cabinet to exercise the existing option to extend the contract for Targeted Youth Support (TYS) Lots 2 and 3 currently held by Positive Steps for up to a further 12 months from 1st April 2022. This is within the scope of the initial contract award and therefore is within Council Corporate procedure rules.

Recommendations

The recommended option is that Cabinet extend the current TYS Lots 2 and 3 contract for up to a period of a further 12 months.

Positive Steps Contract Extension for Targeted Youth Support lots 2 and 3.

1 Background

Positive Steps currently hold two contracts within the Targeted Youth Support (TYS) service offer. Both contracts were awarded from 1 April 2020 for an initial period of two years up until 31 March 2022 with an option to extend for up to a maximum period of a further twelve months to 31 March 2023.

The contracts within scope of this report are as follows:

- TYS lot 2 – youth justice board offer
- TYS lot 3 – young carers, targeted impartial information and careers advices and missing return home interviews

An extension to both lots is being sought for up to a maximum period of twelve months up until 31 March 2023, this is within the scope of the original tender and contract award.

2 Current Position

The Council currently commissions Positive Steps to deliver a range of services to support Oldham's young people under the overarching banner of Targeted Youth Services. These include support services for young carers; delivery of missing from home return interviews; careers information advice and guidance as well as the Council's Youth Justice Service.

The current contracts end on 31 March 2022 with an option to extend for up to a further twelve months up until 31 March 2023.

A Project Board will be established to meet fortnightly with agreed Terms of Reference to oversee a robust options appraisal. Further updates will be provided to DMT at regular intervals.

3 Options/Alternatives

Option One:

TYS Lots 2 and 3 are extended for a maximum period of twelve months up until 31 March 2023. This would be within the intent of the current contract award and is within corporate procurement rules

Option Two:

Notice is given to cease either or both contracts on 31 March 2022.

4 **Preferred Option**

Option One:

TYS Lots 2 and 3 are extended for a maximum period of twelve months up until 31 March 2023. This would be within the intent of the current contract award and is within corporate procurement rules

5 **Consultation**

Consultations were undertaken as part of the original procurement and commissioning process. Further consultations will be undertaken during 2022 to develop future commissioning intentions.

6 **Financial Implications**

Comments are contained in the report in the restricted part of the agenda

7 **Legal Services Comments**

Comments are contained in the report in the restricted part of the agenda

8. **Co-operative Agenda**

The current contract is based on the co-operative agenda of the Council and any future commissioning intentions will also reflect these principles.

9 **Human Resources Comments**

Comments are contained in the report in the restricted part of the agenda

10 **Risk Assessments**

N/A

11 **IT Implications**

N/A

12 **Property Implications**

Non for the Council. The provider will have their own property arrangements from which to deliver services.

13 **Procurement Implications**

Comments are contained in the report in the restricted part of the agenda

14 **Environmental and Health & Safety Implications**

There are no implications for these services. The successful provider will be expected to adhere to all Oldham's terms and conditions as outlined in the standard contract.

15 **Equality, community cohesion and crime implications**

The current contract delivers youth Justice Board statutory responsibilities on behalf of the council including community and prevention-based work.

16 **Implications for Children and Young People**

16.1 Statutory services for children and young people will continue from 1st April 2022 and Children and Young people will be involved in the development of any future commissioning intentions.

17 **Equality Impact Assessment Completed?**

A stage one EIA was completed as part of the original tender. Further evaluation of the impact of these services will be carried out as part of the development of future commissioning intentions.

18 **Key Decision**

Yes

19 **Key Decision Reference**

To be added

20 **Background Papers**

Non

21 **Appendices**

21.1 Non

Signed _____ Strategic Director/Deputy Chief Executive	Dated _____
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