

Report to CABINET

Targeted Youth Support Commissioning and Delivery Intentions including UKSPF from April 2024

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Reason for Decision

The current Targeted Youth Support Contract ends on 31 March 2024. The contract is currently held by Positive Steps. Approval is sought to extend the current contract for a period of 12 months from 1 April 2024 up until 31 March 2025. Statutory services within scope would be:

- Targeted Impartial Information Advice and Guidance (TIAG)
- Young Carers (YC)
- Return Home from Missing Interviews (RHFMI)

In addition, the extension would include the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) contract up until 31 March 2025 currently also delivered by the same provider and funded externally to the council.

Recommendations

The current contract arrangements with Positive Steps ends on 31 March 2024. The recommendation is to extend the contracts in scope outlined above for a period of 12 months from 1 April 2024 up until 31 March 2025.

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1. Background

1.1 The Targeted Youth Support (TYS) is currently being delivered by Positive Steps, the contract is due to end on 31 March 2024. This contract is made up of a range of services:

- Return home from missing interviews
- Young Carers support
- Targeted impartial, independent advice and guidance (TIIAG) for targeted groups including those not in education, employment or training (NEET) up to age 18.

1.2 As part of this process, the Targeted Impartial Advice and Guidance Project Board, Management Board and other key stakeholders have been consulted on possible delivery models and specification review.

2. Current Position

2.1 The Targeted Youth Service in Oldham is currently delivered by Positive Steps, the contract is due to end on 31 March 2024.

3. Options/Alternatives

3.1 Option one:

The contract is extended for a period of 12 months from 1 April 2024 up to 31 March 2025. Services within scope are:

- TIIAG
- Young Carers
- Missing from Home Return Interviews
- UKSPF

During the extension period, the project board overseeing this work will consider all available delivery models and commissioning options.

3.2 Option two:

TIIAG, Young Carers, Missing from Home Return Interviews are re-tendered through an open, robust, competitive commissioning and procurement process via The Chest for a period of two years from 1 April 2024 up to 31 March 2026. The service specification would include UKSPF. Due to time constraints and the need to continue to deliver statutory services this option is not recommended.

4. Preferred Option

Option One:

The contract is extended for a period of 12 months from 1 April 2024 up to 31 March 2025. Services within scope are:

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- TIIAG
 - Young Carers
 - Missing from Home Return Interviews
 - UKSPF

During the extension period, the project board overseeing this work will consider all available delivery models and commissioning options.

5. Consultation

5.1 Consultation is not required as this is a continuation of statutory services.

6. Financial Implications

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

7. Legal Implications

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

8. Co-operative Implications

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

9. Human Resource Implications

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

10. Risk Assessments

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

11. IT Implications

11.1 None

12. Property Implications

12.1 None

13. Procurement Implications

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

14. Environmental and Health & Safety Implications

14.1 None

15. Community cohesion, including crime and disorder implications in accordance with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

15.1 None

16. Oldham Equality Impact Assessment Including impact on Children and Young People)

16.1 Not required as services will continue to be delivered.

17 Key Decision

17.1 Yes

18 Key Decision Reference

18.1 CHS-03-23

19 Background Papers

19.1 None

20 Appendices

20.1 None