

Part A - Report to CABINET

Extend the contract term for delivery of Accommodation Based Services for 12 months until 31st March 2026, and the transfer of service management to Housing Needs

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Reason for Decision

1. To extend the contract term of each of the 3 contracts referenced in this report, in accordance with the terms and conditions of each contract for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 following the transfer.
2. To transfer the budget that currently resides in the Adult Social Care cost centres and the management of the contracts to the Housing Needs Team.

Executive Summary

The Council is party to three separate contracts for the delivery of Accommodation Based Services. The initial term of each contract ends on 31st March 2025, but there is provision within each contract to extend the initial term for up to two years. The proposed 1-year extension will enable a wider review of the commissioned services to take place across Housing Needs.

Historically, the services have sat within Adult Social Care, however this is not appropriate given the scope and focus of the commissioned services and the needs of the individuals. It is therefore recommended that the budget and contract management arrangements of the services are transferred to Housing Needs.

Recommendations

- **Approve** a one-year extension to the initial contract term in respect of those contracts referenced in this report, each of which relates to the delivery of Accommodation Based Services, noting that this is within the delegated authority of

the Director of Adult Social Services in consultation with the Lead Member for Adult Health and Social Care

- **Approve** the transfer of the budget for the 3 affected contracts and the in-scope services from Adult Social Care to Housing Needs from April 1st 2025.
- **Note** that contract management in respect of the three in scope contracts and oversight of these commissioned services will transfer to Housing Needs from Adult Social Care from the 1st April 2025.

1. Background

- 1.1 Oldham Council currently commissions two external providers to deliver three accommodation-based services., detailed below:
- 1.2 Accommodation based services provide short term supported housing for vulnerable and socially excluded people who are homeless/have experienced a housing related crisis. Historically, the services were funded through the Supporting People grant but were mainstreamed to Adult Social Care when this ended.
- 1.3 The aim of each commissioned service is to provide service users with a period of stabilisation, enabling them to successfully move on and establish and sustain independent living. The Each commissioned service must therefore meet the short-term housing and support needs of service users whilst also maximizing sustained planned moves and throughput from the Service.

Contract Duration and Extension

- 1.5 Each contract let for each of the 3 lots had an initial contract term of 3 years from 1 April 2022. Clause 4.3 of the contracts allows for that initial term to be extended once for up to 2 years on no less than 6 months' written notice to the appointed providers. It is proposed that the contracts are extended for 1 year from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. Each of the two providers has agreed to accept less than the required 6 months' written notice to extend the initial term.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 The contracts for Lots 1 and 3 are with Regenda Housing, however, Regenda have then sub-contracted service delivery of these Lots to Safenet and Petrus respectively. If Regenda intends to carry out complying with the contracts for lots 1 & 3 by sub-contrating the service delivery, it will be the responsibility of Regenda to extend their sub-contracts.
- 2.2 Agreed at point of tender, the contract extension period includes an inflationary increase to the annual cost of the services.

3 Options/Alternatives

- 3.1 The options and alternatives are detailed in the confidential report at Part B.

4 Consultation

- 4.1 Communication has been shared with the relevant providers for each of the Lots detailed above.
- 4.2 As part of the future review of the services under housing, further consultation will be considered with relevant service users and those affected by any impact.
- 4.3 At that stage, and EIA will be completed accordingly. The affected providers have been

5 Financial Implications

5.1 The financial implications are detailed in the confidential report at Part B.

6 **Legal Implications**

6.1 The financial implications are detailed in the confidential report at Part B

7 **Equality Impact, including implications for Children and Young People**

7.1 Not immediately applicable but will be considered as part of the review for future commissioning arrangements.

9 **Key Decision**

9.1 Yes

10 **Key Decision Reference**

11.1 HSC-02-25

12 **Background Papers**

12.1 None.

13 **Appendices**

13.1 None