

CABINET

Extend the contract term for delivery of Accommodation Based Services for 12 months until 31st March 2027

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Reason for Decision

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 2026 to 31st March 2027

Executive Summary

The Council is party to three separate contracts for the delivery of Accommodation Based Services. The initial term of each contract ended on 31st March 2025, and was extended to 31st March 2026, at the same time as responsibility and budget for these contracts passed from Adult Social Care to Housing needs. There is provision within each contract to extend the term for a further 12 months. This report proposes enacting that extension.

Recommendations

- **Approve** a one year extension to the 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 delegated authority relating to these contracts from the Director of Adult Social Services (in consultation with the Lead Member for Adult Health and Social Care) to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods. This is in recognition of the previous transfer of these contracts from Adult Social Care to Housing Needs.

PART A - Extend the contract term for delivery of Accommodation Based Services for 12 months until 31st March 2027

1. Background

- 1.1 Oldham Council currently commissions two external providers to deliver three accommodation based services, detailed below:

Lot 1, Generic Service	Regenda Limited (sub contracted to Petrus)
Lot 2, Young Peoples Service	Depaul UK
Lot 3, Women's Service	Regenda Limited (sub contracted to Safenet)

- 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. 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.
- 1.4 Following a tender process in 2021, Oldham Council awarded a contract for the Provision of Housing Related Support: Short-Term Accommodation-Based Service for three (3) years with an option to extend up to a further two (2) years, to the suppliers named below.

Lots 1, Generic Service	Regenda Limited (sub contracted to Petrus)
Lot 2, Young Peoples Service	Depaul UK
Lot 3, Women's Service	Regenda Limited (sub contracted to Safenet)

- 1.5 In March 2025, Cabinet agreed to an initial 12- month extension to the original 3 year term, at the same time agreeing to transfer the budget and responsibility for these contracts from Adult Social Care to Housing Needs.

Contract Duration and Extension

- 1.6 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.

- 1.7 Earlier this year, Government closed consultation on the implementation of the Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act 2023, and we are awaiting the outcome of this exercise. Rather than review these contracts at this point, it is therefore proposed that the contracts are extended for 1 year from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027. This will allow any new commissioning exercise to take into account these upcoming changes in regulatory frameworks.

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-contracting 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 some services. (For 25/26, a small uplift was separately agreed, in recognition of exceptional cost pressures).

3 Options/Alternatives

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

5 Consultation

- 5.1 Cllr Elaine Taylor (portfolio holder)
- 5.2 Communication has also been shared with the relevant providers for each of the Lots detailed above.

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 The Financial Implications are detailed in the confidential report at Part B

7 Legal Implications

- 7.1 The Legal Implications are detailed in the confidential report at Part B

8 Equality Impact, including implications for Children and Young People

- 8.1 No, but will be considered as part of the review for future commissioning arrangements.

9 Key Decision

- 9.1 Yes

10 Key Decision Reference

10.1 HL-05-25

11 **Background Papers**

11.1 N/A

12 **Appendices**

12.1 None