

Confirmation of further extension to the Current Commissioning Arrangements for Care at Home, Extra Care Support and Night Provision Support Services

Decision Maker: Chief Executive

Service Area: Commissioning, Adult Social Care

Directorate: Adult Social Care

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Date of Decision: 15th June 2026

1. Power to make the decision

The decision is being taken under the authorisation contained in Section 9C – Delegations to Specific Officers of Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Council Constitution for the Chief Executive to take any emergency decisions in respect of the Council's executive functions which cannot be delayed until the next Cabinet meeting.

2. Decision Sought

To extend the contracts in place for Commissioned Care at Home (CAH) and Extra Care Housing (ECH) services for 9 months (31st March 2027).

3. Reason for urgency

The current contracts expire 30th June 2026, without an approved extension the Terms and Conditions of the contract are nul and void leaving the council, the contracted providers and most importantly people in receipt of the services (Oldham residents) at risk.

4. Risk(s) of not taking the decision

These services collectively support a significant number of residents with statutory care needs. Care at Home currently delivers over 12.5k hours per week to c. 980 Oldham residents. Extra Care Housing provides >£2k hours per week to c. 200 residents per week. Not having up to date contracted provision in place, places the council, providers and people in receipt of services at risk.

It is a statutory requirement (Care Act) to have services in place to meet people's needs. There is a risk to the council from a CQC regulatory perspective if these services are not in place.

5. Financial impact if decision not taken forward

The spend would still apply as there is a statutory requirement to have these services in place. Currently CAH annual spend is >£20m, ECH is £2.2m and Night Care provision is >£120k.

6. Statutory Officer clearances

a. Section 151 Officer

Name Lee Walsh
Date 15 June 2026
Comments

The expenditure will be funded from the Adult Social Care allocated budget for 2026/27. The extension is intended to ensure continuity of care and statutory service delivery whilst new contractual arrangements are finalised. There is no anticipated impact on the Medium-Term Financial Strategy beyond the planned expenditure for 2026/27.

Failure to approve the extension may lead to increased costs due to service disruption and the need to implement emergency care provision.

b. Monitoring Officer

Name Alan Evans (Deputy Monitoring Officer)
Date 17 June 2026
Comments

The exercise of emergency powers should be undertaken in consultation with the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council. However the Council has not yet appointed a Leader or Deputy Leader for the current municipal year so it is not possible to consult them. In addition, there is no certainty about when a Leader or Deputy Leader will be appointed, as the Council has failed at two successive meetings to do so. For the reasons given in the report an urgent decision relating to the three reports is required and they cannot await the appointment of a Leader and Deputy Leader at some undetermined future date.