

Domestic Property Disability Adaptations (DPDA) Framework – Life of Client Contract Extension

Decision Maker: Chief Executive

Service Area: Commissioning, Adult Social Care

Directorate: Adult Social Care

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Date of Decision: 5th October 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

2.1 To approve the exercise of the available two-year extension option within the Domestic Property Disability Adaptations (DPDA) Life of Client Framework Agreement.

2.2 To approve the continuation of the following contracts:

Lot	Provider	Current Expiry Date	Revised Expiry Date
Lot 1	Handicare Accessibility Limited	31 October 2026	31 October 2028
Lot 2	Hoist and Shower Chair Company Limited	30 September 2026	30 September 2028
Lot 3	Wessex Lift Co Limited	30 September 2026	30 September 2028

2.3 The extension will ensure continuity of specialist adaptation services including stairlifts, ceiling track hoists, free-standing gantry hoists, step lifts and through-floor lifts for residents across Oldham and Tameside.

3. Reason for urgency

- 3.1 The current framework arrangements expire between September and October 2026. Approval is required at the earliest opportunity to allow sufficient time for the contractual extension process to be completed before the expiry dates.
- 3.2 Failure to secure approval prior to contract expiry would create uncertainty regarding future service provision and could result in disruption to the delivery of essential specialist disability adaptations for vulnerable residents.
- 3.3 The service supports residents to remain safe and independent within their own homes and contributes to effective hospital discharge pathways, prevention of hospital admissions, and avoidance of residential care placements. Any interruption to these arrangements would present significant risks to service users and the wider health and social care system.
- 3.4 As this is a jointly commissioned framework with Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, timely approval is also required to provide certainty across both authorities and to support ongoing service planning.

4. Risk(s) of not taking the decision

- 4.1 The DPDA Framework supports the Council's statutory responsibilities under the Care Act 2014 and enables disabled residents to access essential adaptations that support independence and wellbeing.
- 4.2 Failure to approve the extension could result in:
 - Disruption to the provision of specialist adaptations and related maintenance services.
 - Delays in meeting assessed needs of disabled adults and children.
 - Increased risk of hospital admissions and delayed hospital discharges.
 - Increased pressure on residential and supported care services.
 - Failure to maximise the benefits of Disabled Facilities Grant funding.
 - Reputational and operational risks to both Oldham and Tameside Councils.
 - The need to undertake emergency procurement arrangements at additional cost and resource.
- 4.3 There are currently no performance, quality, safeguarding, contractual or financial concerns regarding any of the framework providers that would justify ceasing the existing arrangements.

5. Financial impact if decision not taken forward

- 5.1 The contracts are funded through the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG).
- 5.2 Failure to approve the extension may result in:
 - Additional procurement costs associated with undertaking a new tender exercise.

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- Increased contract costs because of current inflationary pressures within the adaptation and equipment market.
 - Potential delays in delivering adaptations, creating additional expenditure elsewhere in health and adult social care services.
 - Reduced value for money through loss of established contractual arrangements and economies of scale.

5.3 Contract expenditure remains broadly within approved budget levels and continues to be monitored through the wider DFG programme. Extending the framework represents the most cost-effective solution and provides ongoing value for money.

6. Statutory Officer clearances

a. Section 151 Officer

Name

Andy Cooper

PP Lee Walsh

Date

12/08/2026

Comments

Expenditure under these contracts is funded through the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG). While demand continues to increase, the proposed 2026/27 budgets are considered sufficient based on current forecasts, available DFG funding and planned budget growth.

Expenditure will continue to be monitored within the wider DFG programme. Extending the existing framework for a further two years as detailed in the report is the most cost-effective option to deliver ongoing value for money.

b. Monitoring Officer

Name: Alex Bougatef

Date: 11th September 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; it is therefore 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 successive meetings to do so. For the reasons given in the report, an urgent decision relating to the report is required, and it cannot wait until the appointment of a Leader and Deputy Leader at some undetermined future date.