Emergency Powers Decision Report

Extension of the current Mental Health Supported Living Services contract in place with Creative Support Ltd

Decision Maker: Chief Executive

Service Area: Adult Social Services
Directorate: Commissioning and Market Management
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Date of Decision:

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

This report seeks approval to use the powers delegated in the Cabinet report of 14th September 2023 to extend the current contract with Creative Support Ltd for Mental Health Supported Living up to the 30th September 2028.

3. Reason for urgency

The current contract is due to end on 30th September 2026. This decision supports the continuity of the service currently being provided with Creative Support who we are assured are providing the expected levels of support and quality of care outlined within the contract.

4. Risk(s) of not taking the decision

In not approving the extension, the current contract will expire on 30th September 2026. This would mean that a tender exercise would be required for the Mental Health Supported Living contract which could not be successfully completed within the time frame before the contract expires.

5. Financial impact if decision not taken forward

If the extension does not take place, this will result in additional costs, risks and operational pressures associated with undertaking an urgent procurement exercise and/or securing alternative provision for the current 13 service users being supported by Creative Support Ltd.

6. Statutory Officer clearances

a. Section 151 Officer

Name Lee Walsh
Date 6 October 2026
Comments

Approval is sought to extend the contract with Creative Support for the provision of supported accommodation and care services.

The forecast contract cost for the 13 individuals currently supported is £0.364m in 2026/27, rising to an estimated £0.379m in 2027/28 and £0.394m in 2028/29, subject to future uplifts.

The contract extension will ensure continuity of care and avoid the risks and costs associated with securing alternative provision. The costs can be met from existing approved budgets and there are no adverse financial implications for the Council arising from this proposal

b. Monitoring Officer

Name: Alex Bougatef
Date: 13 October 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 successive meetings to do so. For the reasons given in the report an urgent decision relating to the report is required and it cannot await the appointment of a Leader and Deputy Leader at some undetermined future date.