

DECISION RECORD ¹

Officer Key Decisions are subject to the Council's Call-In Procedure (Annex 9 of the Council's Constitution) **Council's Constitution**

Subject: Extension of Housing Related Support (HRS) Contracts for Adults with Complex Needs

Staff Contact: Helen Gledhill

Executive Member: Colette Wyatt-Lowe

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Portfolio: Adult Care & Health

1. **Decision ²**

To extend all ACS funded HRS Contracts for Adults with Complex Needs. This includes services that support adults with mental health concerns and drug & alcohol dependencies.

2. **Reasons for the decision ³**

The current complex needs HRS contracts, including Turning Point, are due to end in March 2019 and previous reports from ACS Commissioning have recommended a review and subsequent tender. Due to the awaited outcome of the government's Housing Policy and the restriction on current timescales for procurement, to enable a tender to take place within this deadline, the proposed recommendation is to extend all current contracts until March 2021. This would be developed through a Single Tender Action exercise and providers would then be informed that, within this timeline, we will be working closely with them and the Districts to fully scope and understand current arrangements and monitor the potential impact of the service. No tender would take place this year and the intention is to align any future developments with the outcome of the Housing Policy and work together with all the Districts to ensure short term accommodations needs are met.

3. **Alternative options considered and rejected ⁴**

ACS Commissioning have previously considered a tender, with a new service commencing in April 2019. This was rejected due to the launch of the Government Housing Policy Consultation, outlined in Section 2 above and to enable a clearer scope of the effectiveness of the current service and future commissioning directions.

4. **Consultation**

(a) **Comments of Executive Member ^{5 6}**

None

(b) **Comments of other consultees ⁷**

None

5. **Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed:

Title: Iain MacBeath, Director of Adult Care Services

Date: 05/09/2018

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6. Copies of agreed document to:

- All consultees
- All members of the County Council (Democratic Services to send)
- Hard & electronic copy (for public inspection both at County Hall and on hertfordshire.gov.uk) to the Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall; democratic.services@hertfordshire.gov.uk

¹ Please refer to the Call-in and Contract Award Process for officers to determine if notice on this decision record for successful and unsuccessful bidders is exempt information and is therefore subject to inclusion in Annex 'A'

² If this decision relates to the award of contract, please provide a summary of the evaluation process and reasons for the award of contract to the successful bidder.

³ for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions"

⁴ details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

⁵ record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without taking advice from the Chief Legal Officer

⁶ If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of The Council will need to be consulted

⁷ If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by email) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.