

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health, Councillor Diane Smith has made the following executive decision:

CONTRACT EXTENSION VARIATION FOR DEMENTIA RESPITE AT HOME SERVICES

Reference Report:

ACH21-024 Dementia Respite at Home Extension 2021 ACH PDS 17.03.21, 17/03/2021 Adult Care and Health Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

Decision:

That the extension of the contract, activating the existing extension clause, alongside a further 6-month extension via the Contract Variation process (Regulation 72 of the Public Contract Regulations) beyond the predefined contract duration be approved. The extension would commence from 1st October 2021 until 30th September 2022 and would have an estimated value of £194k, whilst the budget would be £173k.

Reasons:

Following the presentation of an Award Report at Care Services Policy and Scrutiny Sub Committee (10 January 2017), Bromley, Lewisham and Greenwich (BLG) Mind were granted a contract to provide a respite service for carers of older people with dementia to help them maintain their caring roles. The contract commenced on 1 April 2017 for a period of 3 years and was due to expire on 31 March 2020. However, there was an option to extend the contract for up to a further two years on a 1+1 basis.

Following the Adult Care and Health PDS on 17 November 2019, the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health approved the extension of the contract for a period of 1 year from 1 April 2020 until 31 March 2021 and a variation to the hourly rates (Report - ACH19018). A further one-year extension option remained. There has been an additional contract extension, from 31 March 2021 to September 2021 in accordance with Executive approval to delegate contract extensions approval to the Chief Officer, with the agreement of the Portfolio Holder, where commissioning has been impacted by the pandemic (report CSD20062 - Covid-19 Procurement Implications).

The contract was awarded as detailed above, and consequently there is a further (final) option to extend the contract up to 31 March 2022. However, the recommendation is that this service is extended up to 30 September 2022. Therefore, the request is for the activation of the existing extension clause alongside a 6 month extension beyond the original term.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult Care and Health PDS Committee on 17th March 2021 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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