

Decision Maker: Executive

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Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: TENANCY SUSTAINMENT SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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Ward: Boroughwide

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The attached gateway report (CS14118) puts forward recommendations for the commissioning and procurement of a tenancy sustainment service for young people when the current contract with One Support expires on 30th August 2015. The report covering these recommendations was previously scrutinised by Care Services and Executive and Resources PDS committees in early 2015.
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2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members are asked to agree:

- 2.1 That officers undertake a tendering exercise to procure a tenancy sustainment service for young people including those young people with higher support needs. The tender will require the provider to make arrangements for the provision of accommodation appropriate for the contract. This recommendation is unchanged from the original report.
- 2.2 The contract period will be for 3 years with the option to extend for a further 2 periods of 1 year each. This recommendation is unchanged from the original report.
- 2.2 To award a one year contract, from 31st August 2015, to One Support, the current provider, to continue to deliver the tenancy sustainment service whilst the tendering exercise takes place. This recommendation has changed from the previous report because the delay in authorisation does not allow sufficient time for a full procurement exercise to take place.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy.
 2. BBB Priority: Supporting Independence.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated cost One year extension £438,870 based on current prices. The total contract price including extensions of the new contract would be £2,194,350
 2. Ongoing costs: Recurring cost. 438,870
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Supporting People Services: 749000
 4. Total current budget for this head: £1,751,340
 5. Source of funding: Revenue Support Grant
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): LBB staff are engaged in contract monitoring and quality assurance of these services.
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: .25FTE
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-statutory - Government guidance.
 2. Call-in: Call-in is applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): 92 young people at any one time.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 A Gateway report (CS14118 attached) about the Young People's Tenancy Sustainment service was scrutinised by Care Services PDS on 21st January 2015 and Executive and Resources PDS on 4th February 2015. Both committees supported the recommendations in the report.
- 3.2 The report was presented to Executive in on February 11th 2015 and the following recommendations were agreed:
- (1) further consideration be given to tenancy sustainment services for young people; and
 - (2) authority be delegated to the Chief Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to award a short extension to the existing contract for up to six months.
- 3.3 Officers have provided further clarification on the current and proposed service and now seek authorisation to carry out a full procurement exercise in order to let a new 3 year contract as per the original report.
- 3.4 Authorisation is also required to enter into a contract with One Support for a further year in order that the procurement exercise can be completed. This recommendation has changed from the previous report because the delay in authorisation does not allow sufficient time for a full procurement exercise to take place.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 National and local policies expect that appropriate accommodation and support is provided for homeless young people and care leavers. These services are key to fulfilling the statutory duties of Adult and Community Services towards young homeless people as well as Children and Young People Department responsibilities for under 18 care leavers and younger teenage parents.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The 2015/16 budget for contracted Supporting People services is £1,413,470. Within the budget the allocation for these young people's contracts is £438,870. This report recommends that a procurement exercise is undertaken to let a new contract for these services.
- 5.2 The new contract will include the flexibility to enable the Council to request further efficiencies/savings or to terminate should the need arise during the extension period.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 All the extension options within the contract with One Support have been used. Contract Procedure rules 3 and 13 cover authorisation to enter into a further one year contract with One Support.
- 6.2 The Council's contract procedure rules require that a full tendering exercise is undertaken in order to establish best value for money when awarding a contract for a new service.
- 6.3 The procurement exercise and contract award for the new service will be carried out in accordance with the new EU procurement legislation which were effective in England from 26th February 2015.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Personnel implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	<p>ACS 10043 Commissioning Arrangements for Supporting People Services for Young People.</p> <p>ACS 10059 Commissioning Arrangements for Supporting People Services for Young People.</p> <p>ACS 11023 Award of contract for Supporting People Services</p> <p>ACS12031 Supporting People Services Joint Framework Agreement</p> <p>Gateway review of One Support Services – January 2014</p> <p>CS14042 Contract Award Tenancy Support Services for Young People – June 2014</p> <p>CS14118 Gateway report on Tenancy Sustainment Services for Young People</p>