

**NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL
DECISION**

**DECISION OF: DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES
WITH ADVICE FROM: HEAD OF COMMISSIONING
DIRECTORATE: PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES**



DECISION NO: PC78 2019/20 SCHEME

SUBJECT: DECISION TO EXTEND THE SUPPORT TO LIVE AT HOME CONTRACT FOR AREA 2, LAKESIDE COURT EXTRA CARE HOUSING CONTRACT AND DIAMOND COURT EXTRA CARE HOUSING CONTRACT FOR THE ADDITIONAL TERM

KEY DECISION: Y

REASON:

This Decision is applicable to more than one ward and has a value of more than £500,000.

BACKGROUND:

On 29 September 2015, Full Council approved the decision to award the Support to Live at Home contract for Area 2 and the Extra Care Housing contracts for Diamond and Lakeside Court to The Human Support Group, commencing 1 November 2015. The Term of the contracts being an Initial Term of 4 years with an Additional Term of 3 years. On 5th December 2016 The Human Support Group novated the contracts to Notaro Homecare.

DECISION:

To extend the Support to Live at Home Contract for Area 2, Lakeside Court Extra Care Housing Contract and Diamond Court Extra Care Housing Contract for the Additional Term.

REASONS:

The purpose of tendering the Support to Live at Home contracts was to improve the capacity within the domiciliary care market. The market position is still challenging however we believe that the model still has the potential to improve the situation. The service at Diamond Court and Lakeside Court is stable and no quality issues have been raised with the Council. Therefore, we recommend that the contracts are extended for the available Additional Term.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The alternative option is to not extend the contract and to re-tender.

The hourly rates we are proposing to continue with are lower than the average spot rate across domiciliary care providers in North Somerset. Therefore, we believe re-tendering at this point could be detrimental financially due to an increase in hourly rates paid for care.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The figures below are approximate as they are not taking into consideration new care packages or changes to existing care packages or any annual uplifts awarding during the Additional Term.

Costs

The total cost for commissioned hours under the contracts for the Period July-August 2019 was circa;

Area 2 - £87,000

Lakeside Court - £20,000

Diamond Court - £25,000

Subject to annual uplifts, over the 3-year Additional Term this equates to a further spend of;

Area 2 - £3,393,000

Lakeside Court - £780,000

Diamond Court - £975,000

Funding

Funding is from the Adult Social Care budget.

LEGAL POWERS AND IMPLICATIONS

Contract Standing Orders Clause 26,

26 Contract Extension.

26.1 Contracts may be extended subject to authorisation by the relevant decision-maker.

26.2 If the extension period and value was incorporated into the original contract, then the relevant Director may authorise the extension.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The contract's terms and conditions require the Provider to use environmentally friendly practices specifically under the Social Value paragraph 7.

7.4. Environmental

7.4.1. The Provider shall endeavour to develop sustainable transport initiatives in the provision of its Service including encouraging 'greener' ways of travelling i.e. walking and cycling where appropriate; and

7.4.2. The Provider will dispose of all waste, including proper disposal of, and take measures to reduce, re-use and recycle these resources where possible.

Footnote: Details of changes made and agreed by the decision taker since publication of the proposed (pre-signed) decision notice, if applicable: