## NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL

## **DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES**



**DECISION NO: P&C76** 

SUBJECT: Reduction in Contract values for housing related and community

support services.

DECISION: To agree the reduction in values as set out in text below.

**BACKGROUND:** The Council has had to find budget savings, these were projected for the People and Communities Department in the Medium Term Financial Plan and subsequently adopted in the Council Budget for 2016/17.

The list below identifies the contractors, contract, reduction and new value:

PROVIDER	SERVICE NAME	2016-17 SAVINGS	2016-17 NEW CONTRACT VALUES
Alabare Christian Care Centres	Alabare Christian Care Centres	5000.00	95000.00
Alzheimer's Society	Alzheimer's Society	10000.00	284772.00
Christian Alliance Housing Ass	North Somerset Domestic Abuse Service	9000.00	271000.00
Christian Alliance Housing Ass	Chapter 1 Young People High Support Service	2000.00	74575.00
Christian Alliance Housing Ass	Chapter 1 Young People Young Parents Support Service	1000.00	38825.00
Christian Alliance Housing Ass	Chapter 1 Young People Drug & Alcohol Service	1500.00	46222.00
Curo (SHAPE)	Community Connect	21000.00	310000.00
Curo (SHAPE)	Homelessness Service	3000.00	92000.00
Curo (SHAPE)	Mental Health Service	4000.00	117800.00
Elim Housing Association	Elim Young People Low-Medium Support Service	1320.00	38383.00
One-in-Four (Friend)	North Somerset Advocacy & Community Engagement Service	5000.00	195000.00
Knightstone Housing Association	Knightstone Young People High Support Service	3285.00	95465.00
Knightstone Housing Association	Knightstone Young People Lower Support Service	1500.00	48500.00
NSAH (Alliance Homes) Ltd	Support Alliance	45000.00	1665000.00
NSAH (Alliance Homes) Ltd	Older People's Support Alliance	25000.00	640000.00

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NSAH (Alliance Homes) Ltd	North Somerset Carers Service	15000.00	304500.00
Richmond Fellowship	Richmond Fellowship Mental Health Service	4500.00	100500.00
Sanctuary Supported Living	Sanctuary Young People High Support Service	2636.00	86457.00
Sanctuary Supported Living	Weston Foyer	3680.00	106665.00
Sanctuary Supported Living	Sanctuary Young People Lower Support Service	225.00	16000.00
Stonham	Stonham Young People High Support Service	2955.00	85715.00
Vision	Vision North Somerset	6000.00	173000.00
West of England C&R	North Somerset Care and Repair	10000.00	256582.00
West of England C&R	North Somerset Care and Repair - MOTEX CENTRE	1263.00	66000.00

A Directors Decision is required because the mechanism to be used to change the value of each contract is Deed of Variation which will subsequently be sealed by the Councils Legal team. Incorporating the change in a deed also avoids any uncertainty with regard to the sufficiency of consideration, a deed being binding without consideration.

**Financial Implications**: By undertaking this action the required budget reductions will be achieved. If a contracted provider fails to agree the reduced contract value either party may terminate through a 'no fault' clause of six months.

**Implications for Future Years:** Any future reductions in value will also require a Deed of Variation. Reductions in value may reduce capacity in the contracted services or the service viability. Floating housing related and community support services are better place to absorb the new efficiencies required, albeit with some capacity changes. The Supported Housing contracted providers are less able to cope with value reduction as their rental funding streams are also under threat. Further changes must be subject to a full EIA's and potential Decommissioning Plan's.

For information only to give a complete picture the following annual Distribution Grants

are also reducing:

PROVIDER	SERVICE NAME	2016-17 SAVINGS	2016-17 NEW GRANT VALUES
Brigstowe Project	Brigstowe Project	500.00	8240.00
CAB	Citizen's Advice Bureau	2500.00	54500.00
Weston Keyring	Keyring	576.42	33500.00
North Somerset Healthwatch (LINK)	Healthwatch (LINK)	7700.00	139300.00
People First	People First	1523.00	43991.00
Remap	Remap		600.00
RSVP	Retired & Senior Vol Programme	250.00	2250.00
Terrence Higgins Trust West	Terrence Higgins Trust West	800.60	17029.00
VANS	Voluntary Action North Somerset	780.00	13800.00

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Somewhere to Go	Homelessness Provision in Winter months	159.00	900.00
Woodspring Talking News	Woodspring Talking News	200.00	1600.00

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