

## Extension of contract with Community Links (Northern) Limited for the Maltings and Rose Villa Service.

Date: 8th February 2024

Report of: Head of Commissioning, Adults and Health

Report to: Director of Communities, Housing and Environment

Will the decision be open for call in?  Yes  No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?  Yes  No

### Brief summary

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an extension of the contract with Community Links (Northern) Ltd for the Maltings and Rose Villa contract for a 12-month period in accordance with Contracts Procedure Rule (CPR) 21.2.

### Recommendations

The Director of Communities, Housing and Environment is recommended to:

- a) Approve an extension of 12 months under CPR 21.2 to the existing contract with Community Links (Northern) Limited ('Community Links') for the Maltings service, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 for a maximum value of £139,678 per annum.
- b) Approve an extension of 12 months under CPR 21.2 to the existing contract with Community Links for the Rose Villa service, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 for a maximum value of £71,868 per annum.

## What is this report about?

- 1 This report seeks approval to put in place a 12-month extension to the current contracts for provision of supported accommodation at The Maltings and Rose Villa services.
- 2 Both services are commissioned by Adults and Health directorate to provide support to people with mental health issues, in accommodation at The Maltings, and with a combination of some accommodation and visiting support at Rose Villa.
- 3 These services were put on an interim 12+12 month contract from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, the current contract period expires on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. They have been part of an ongoing strategic review into a number of commissioned services which provide support to people with mental health issues.
- 4 This review has been undertaken in partnership with officers within the West Yorkshire Integrated Commissioning Board (ICB) who are responsible for commissioning and managing some of the services in scope of the review.
- 5 The Maltings and Rose Villa are contract managed by Adults and Health directorate, they are considered good value and deliver high quality support and outcomes for people living in the services.
- 6 Community Links are an established and experienced service provider and are working closely with officers within the Council and ICB as part of the strategic review to identify ways of remodelling services to meet future needs. It is expected this work will continue in 2024 with a target of new longer term contracts to be established from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

## What impact will this proposal have?

- 7 Approval to apply the available 12 month contract extension will allow these two services to continue on contract from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 and the people within the services to continue in receiving support.
- 8 Both services contribute towards the framework of supported accommodation services which take referrals from the acute mental health wards of Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, part of an established pathway. This will enable the pathway to continue receiving referrals and provide timely support to those leaving hospital.

## How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

- 9 These services directly contribute towards outcomes centred around enabling people to achieve positive improvements in their own wellbeing, and work towards living independently in the community.

## What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

## **What are the resource implications?**

10 The contract extensions will be applied at existing budget levels, there is budget resource to continue funding these services through to the end of the extension period.

## **What are the key risks and how are they being managed?**

11 Risks associated with this contract are managed through planned contract management meetings with the support provider, any issues of risk concerning service delivery are escalated to senior management and strategic partners. Broader risks around delivery or sustainability of the service will be managed through the ongoing strategic review.

## **What are the legal implications?**

12 This decision is a consequence of a previous Significant Operational Decision taken on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 by the Interim Director of Adults and Health to put in place the current contract, with the provision to extend the contract for a maximum period of up to 12-months or any combination. Due to the total value, the extension should be treated as a significant operational decision and as such, is not eligible for call in.

13 All activities relating to the proposed contract have been executed strictly in accordance with the Council's CPRs. CPR 21.2 permits contract extensions if they are put in place before the contract expiry date, the proposed extension is in accordance with the contract terms, and the Authorised Officer has established in writing that the extension will deliver best value. These requirements are considered satisfied.

## **Options, timescales and measuring success**

### **What other options were considered?**

14 There is no alternative option to enabling the services to continue beyond 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 unless the contract extension is applied. The services provide much needed accommodation and support.

### **How will success be measured?**

15 Success is measured through collecting data quarterly from the support provider, to assess positive outcomes of the service. On-going support to the clients living in the service will be achieved through the contract being in place from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 onwards.

### **What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?**

16 Following approval of the decision the necessary paperwork will be issued in joint work between officers in Adults and Health and Procurement and Commercial Services, likely during February 2024.

## **Appendices**

- None.

## **Background papers**

- [Council and democracy \(leeds.gov.uk\)](https://leeds.gov.uk) previous Significant Operational Decision