

	REPORT TO CABINET TO BE HELD ON 12 APRIL 2016
	Key Decision YES Forward Plan Ref No
Corporate Priority Good quality affordable housing for all.	Cabinet Portfolio Cllr Bill Chatt Holder Cabinet Member for Public Health and Housing

REPORT OF: DIRECTOR (TW) 16/084

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT: Renewal of Changing Lives Service Contract

RECOMMENDATION (S):

1. Agree to extend the Council's funding contribution into the commissioning pot for the Changing Lives service for a period of three years.
2. Note that the Council's total liability is £195,000 over this period however note that this funding contribution is offset by an on-going commitment from Yorkshire Coast Homes to pay the Council £75,000 over the full period to support the continuation of the service.
3. Note that the Council's net contribution is therefore £40,000 per annum and that provision for these funds has been made within the Council's homelessness budget.
4. Approve entry into the relevant agreements required to document these arrangements.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S):

1. To ensure that the service is sustained.

HIGHLIGHTED RISKS:

The service is paid for via a cocktail of funding from different partners including Supporting People Grant and Yorkshire Coast Homes. Without a continuation of funding from the Council the service could not continue.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report seeks agreement for the Council to extend its funding commitment to help pay for the Changing Lives Service. This commitment is needed to enable the service to be re-tendered and a contract be entered into with a successful provider from October 2016 to October 2019.

2. CORPORATE AIMS/PRIORITIES AND THE COMMUNITY PLAN

- 2.1 The Changing Lives Service supports Aim 3 of the Council's Corporate Plan, Creating Healthy and Stronger Communities.

3. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 3.1 In October 2012 (report ref 12/465) Cabinet agreed to support the development of a new service called Changing Lives. This jointly commissioned service is aimed at changing the lives of the most chaotic homeless people within the Borough.
- 3.2 As part of that commitment the Council agreed to contribute £40K per annum for 2013/14 and 2014/15 into a 'social investment' fund held by NYCC. Along with the Council's contribution, various other contributions were to be made including a £25K contribution from YCH.
- 3.3 The Cambridge Centre were contracted by NYCC to provide this service on behalf of the wider social investment partnership. The original contract for the service commenced in June 2014. The contract was subsequently extended up to September 2016.
- 3.4 In order to ensure that NYCC comply with EU procurement rules, this contract needs to be re-tendered. This process ensures that value for money is achieved. It also enables some alterations to be made to the current service specification.
- 3.5 The service provides intensive support for 24 individuals including the provision of an accommodation based service for 6 clients and a floating support service for a further 18.
- 3.6 NYCCs agreement to re-tender and to continue to fund this service relies on a continued funding commitment from both the Borough Council and YCH. YCH have confirmed their on-going commitment.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 None

5. ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 Since its inception the Changing Lives has provided valuable services for some of the most chaotic and vulnerable households within the Borough. The service provides a package of intensive management and support to 6 chaotic homeless individuals within an accommodation based supported housing scheme. In addition a 'floating support' service is provided to a further 18 individuals.
- 5.2 Outcomes from the service have been positive and the Council's Safer and Stronger Communities Committee has received progress updates throughout the contract period (see reports 13/266, 17/7/2013, 14/164 1/5/2014 and 15/290, 21/10/2015). Further to the success of this project NYCC, via the Supporting People partnership, have agreed to mainstream the service as part of their wider Supporting People commissioning strategy. This commitment is however subject to an on-going commitment from partners to match fund the project. The total contract value for the service for the three year period is estimated to be in the region of £600,000.
- 5.3 The provision of this service remains a key element within the Council's homeless strategy and it is recommended that funding support is continued.
- 5.4 Under the terms of the agreement with NYCC the Council's gross contribution into the funding pot is £195,000 over a three year period. However, it is important to note that this is offset by an on-going contribution from YCH to help pay for the project. YCHs agreed contribution for the full period is £75,000 making the Council's net contribution £40,000 per annum. YCH pay their contribution directly to the Council who passport payment to NYCC.
- 5.5 Given the future uncertainty regarding future Government funding and changes to housing benefit regulations (that may impact on the viability of the service as a whole) the future contract shall be subject to standard exit clauses.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy

There are no policy issues arising from this report.

6.2 Legal

The tender process is needed to comply with Financial and Contract Procedure Rules. NYCC as administering authority for the North Yorkshire Supporting People partnership will be the accountable body for the re-tendering process and enter in contract with the successful provider.

6.3 Financial

The Council's net contribution to the service is £40,000 per annum. Provision for these funds has been made within the Council's homelessness budgets.

6.4 Staffing, Planning, Environmental Health and Crime and Disorder Issues.

I have considered whether any staffing, planning, crime and disorder, sustainability implications arise from this report and am satisfied that there is no identified implication that will arise from this decision.



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RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Ref	Date	Risk	Consequences	Mitigation	Current Risk Score	Target Score	Service Unit Manager/ Responsible Officer	Action Plan
1	April 2016	SBC do not agree to continue to fund this service	<p>Service likely to cease to operate as wider match funding package would be undermined.</p> <p>Valuable service to vulnerable people could be lost</p>	Continued funding from different partners	A1	A1	Housing Manager	

Glossary of Terms

Risk

An event which may prevent the Council achieving its objectives

Consequences

The outcome if the risk materialised

Mitigation

The processes and procedures that are in place to reduce the risk

Current Risk Score

The likelihood and impact score with the current mitigation measures in place

Corporate Objectives

An assessment of the Corporate Objectives that are affected by the risk identified.

Target Risk Score

The likelihood and impact score that the Council is aiming to achieve

Service Unit Manager

The Service Unit or Officer responsible for managing the risk

Action Plan

The proposed actions to be implemented in order to reduce the risk to the target score

Risk Scoring

Impact	5					
	4					
	3					
	2					
	1					
		A	B	C	D	E
	Likelihood					

Likelihood:

A = Very Low

B = Not Likely

C = Likely

D = Very Likely

E = Almost Certain

Impact

1 = Low

2 = Minor

3 = Medium

4 = Major

5 = Disaster