

CABINET MEETING – 12 OCTOBER 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Procurement of care and support services within an extra care accommodation setting

Author(s):

Report of the Executive Director Neighbourhoods

Purpose of Report:

To seek approval to procure care and support services that are provided within an extra care accommodation setting.

Description of Decision:

Cabinet is requested to:

- (i) approve the procurement of care and support services that are provided within an extra care accommodation setting; and
- (ii) authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Healthy City Portfolio Holder to subsequently award contracts to the successful bidder.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? **Yes**

If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The commissioning of ongoing care and support provision within extra care accommodation will help ensure that the residents' care and support needs are met.

The value of the contract will exceed £500,000, therefore in accordance with the Council's Procurement Procedure Rules Cabinet approval is required prior to proceeding with the procurement process.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

No alternative options have been considered. The Council has a need to commission care and support for adults aged 18 years and over who have care and support needs, and are living within the specified extra care schemes.

The contract with the Council's existing service provider due to expire and is not capable of further extension. In line with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and the Council's own Procurement Procedure Rules, the Council must undertake a procurement process to appoint a care provider to deliver this service.

Impacts analysed;

Equality **Privacy** **Sustainability** **Crime and Disorder**

Is the Decision consistent with the Council's Co-Operative Values? Yes

Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? Yes

Is it included in the 28 day Notice of Decisions? Yes

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PROCUREMENT OF CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES WITHIN AN EXTRA CARE ACCOMMODATION SETTING

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOODS

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval to procure care and support services that are provided within an extra care accommodation setting.

2. DESCRIPTION OF DECISION (RECOMMENDATIONS)

- 2.1 Cabinet is requested to:
 - (i) approve the procurement of care and support services that are provided within an extra care accommodation setting; and
 - (ii) authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Healthy City Portfolio Holder to subsequently award contracts to the successful bidder.

3. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Extra care accommodation is housing designed primarily with the needs of older people in mind and with care and support available on site. People who live in Extra Care Housing have their own self-contained homes, their own front doors, and a legal right to occupy the property.
- 3.2 Extra Care Housing is also known as very sheltered housing, assisted living, or simply as 'housing with care'. People moving into extra care schemes will have both housing and social care needs. A key principle of extra care is to help support people to maintain their independence and live in their own property for as long as possible. Care is available on site to ensure that residents can receive the appropriate support they require.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The Council currently commissions care and support within extra care accommodation by way of a contract with a third party provider that is due to expire on 31 October 2022. This contract covers two extra care schemes at Cherry Tree Gardens and Haddington Vale which are currently owned by Gentoo.
- 4.2 The Council has a need to maintain care and support within the extra care schemes at Cherry Tree Gardens and Haddington Vale, to meet the care and support needs of the tenants living within them.

- 4.3 The total value of the contract to be placed for these services will be worth in excess of £500,000 and the contract is expected to be in place for a term of up to 4 years.

5. Reasons for the Decision

- 5.1 The commissioning of ongoing care and support provision within extra care accommodation will help ensure that the care and support needs are met.
- 5.2 The value of the contract will exceed £500,000 therefore in accordance with the Council's Procurement Procedure Rules Cabinet approval is required prior to proceeding with the procurement process.

6. Alternative Options

- 6.1 No alternative options have been considered. The Council still has a need to commission care and support for adults aged 18 years and over who have care and support needs, and are living within the specified extra care schemes.
- 6.2 The contract with the Council's existing service provider due to expire and is not capable of further extension. In line with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and the Council's own Procurement Procedure Rules, the Council must undertake a procurement process to appoint a care provider to deliver this service

7. Impact Analysis

- 7.1 **Financial Implications:** Provision exists within the Council's revenue budget for the Extra Care Accommodation costs. The contract costs will be met from this provision.
- 7.2 **Procurement:** Corporate Procurement have been engaged with regards the application of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council's own Procurement Procedure Rules.

8. Other Relevant Considerations / Consultations

- 8.1 **Co-operative Values:** Sunderland City Council is a co-operative Council and will act ethically in all its actions whilst adhering to and actively promoting its co-operative values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. These values will underpin our decision making and actions.