

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE – 12 AUGUST 2014

CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF AN INDEPENDENT INTERMEDIATE CARE SERVICE

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ABSTRACT

This report seeks approval to extend the contract designed to facilitate the discharge of older people from hospital.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work and Health Committee:

- (i) notes that the service review currently being undertaken in relation to the Independent Intermediate Care Service will determine if this service will be required in the longer term and if so whether a competitive tendering exercise needs to be carried out;
- (ii) approves an exemption from the requirement to seek tenders in terms of Financial Regulations 16.24.10(g) to allow the contract to be extended until 30 June 2015 to allow a review of the service to be carried out; and
- (iii) agrees that if a competitive tendering exercise is to be undertaken that the current contract will be extended until 31 December 2015 to allow time for this exercise to be completed.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- 1 We have a sustainable economy with good employment opportunities.
- 8 We have improved the health and wellbeing of our people and inequalities are reduced.
- 9 Individuals are supported in their own communities with good quality services.

3. BACKGROUND

The Independent Intermediate Care service is designed to facilitate the discharge of older people from hospital by providing a care home service for them until they are ready to return to their own homes. Reference is made to Item 5 of the minute of meeting of the Social Work and Health Committee of 16 February 2012 and Item 5 of the minute of meeting of the Social Work and Health Committee of 19 September 2013. Both reports recommended the extension of this contract until 30 September 2013 and 30 September 2014 respectively to allow Social Work and Health to consider the implications of the Self Directed Support Bill and the joint commissioning strategy for older people arising from the integration of Health and Social Work Services, while maintaining continuity of service.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The contract for the Independent Intermediate Care service has been in place with Cairnie Lodge, Arbroath since 1 February 2007. The service is commissioned by way of a block purchase of 6 beds.

4.2 The Independent Intermediate Care Service is currently undergoing a service review. The outcome of this review will determine the duration of the extension required.

5. PROPOSALS

5.1 Following the service review, should the recommendation be that the service is no longer required then it is proposed to extend the current contract until 30 June 2015. This allows time to complete the review and for 6 months period of notice to the current provider.

5.2 If, however, the recommendation is that the service is required then it is proposed to extend the contract until 31 December 2015 to allow a competitive tendering exercise to be completed.

5.3 The Council's Exemption Co-ordinator has been consulted and considers that subject to committee approval, the proposed extension is appropriate in terms of Financial Regulation 16.24.10(g). This allows time for the completion of the service review which will either recommend the termination of the service or a full competitive tendering exercise has to be undertaken for the provision of the service to obtain best value for the Council in the provision of this service. He notes that either a report to advise of termination of the service or a procurement authority report will be presented to the Social Work and Health Committee in due course.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The annual value of the contract is £194,785. This is based on the annual value of the contract for the financial year 2014/15 of £624.31 per bed per week (based on the provision of 6 beds at all times).

6.2 The budget for this contract will be met from the Older People's Residential and Nursing budget. The budget volume reference is Older People Third Party Payments.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

The risks identified are as follows:

7.1 If the proposal contained within this report to extend the existing contract is not approved by Committee then the Independent Intermediate Care Service will end on 30 September 2014. The impact of this will be that there will be no contract for this service until such time as a decision has been made following completion of the service review.

7.2 Undertaking a competitive tendering exercise for this service before the service review is concluded could potentially mean that resources are being expended on a service which may no longer be appropriate or required.

NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

- Social Work and Health Committee Report No 116/12 and 510/13

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