

Record of Decisions

Multiple Complex Needs Alliance - Contract Award Decision

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 19 April 2022

Decision

1. That the awarding of places on the Multiple Complex Needs (MCN) Alliance and subsequent award of service contracts for the entire duration of the initial term of the Alliance, be approved;
2. That the lot-specific recommendations contained in Exempt Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved; and
3. That the recommendation as set out in paragraph 13.4 of Exempt Appendix 2 to the submitted report be approved and accordingly the Chief Executive be authorised to make the associated changes to this service provision.

Reason for the Decision

The Alliance model delivers an integrated understanding of people's needs and response to these needs. At a delivery level the Alliance enables people to access support more easily, have a better experience and achieve better outcomes than commissioning services individually.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 3 May 2022, unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Multiple Complex Needs (MCN) Alliance is a local authority commissioning programme seeking to improve the system response and outcomes for people needing support with drug and alcohol issues, domestic violence, and homelessness. An open procurement had been completed for three separate Lots to work under an Alliance Agreement. This Alliance Agreement involved working to a shared budget envelope, with a focus on partnership working. It commits providers to work towards a financial painshare/gainshare model.

Cabinet's approval was sought in respect of the future operation of the Alliance.

At the meeting, Councillor Long proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded a motion, that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

During the debate, Councillor Steve Darling and Councillor Cowell seconded a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting (on the grounds that exempt information (as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) was likely to be disclosed), which was agreed by unanimously by the Cabinet. Following the exempt element of the debate, the meeting reverted back to public session and

the press and public were invited back to the meeting.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

From an overall Alliance standpoint, two options had been considered. The recommended option was to continue with the Multiple Complex Needs Alliance.

The alternative option would have been to abandon the Alliance procurement and not award. Realistically, this would have resulted in a decision to abandon the Multiple Complex Needs Alliance delivery model.

Further options in relation to the Homeless Hostel specifically were detailed in Exempt Appendix 2 to the submitted report.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None.

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Signed: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet

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