

Bolsover District Council

Executive Committee

6th November 2017

Warden Service Contract – Derbyshire County Council

Report of the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder - People and Place

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Purpose of the Report

- To inform members of an offer of a extension of contract from Derbyshire County Council (DCC) to provide a warden service to older people, and to decide if this offer should be accepted.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 The District Council has operated a mobile warden service, later called a housing support service, to older people within the District for many years
- 1.2 The Service is offered to a mix of tenants and private customers. Although the majority of people pay for the service from their own resources the contact with DCC provides the service for people who are in low income.
- 1.3 The Council won the contract to fill the DCC funded part of the service in 2013 following a competitive bidding process. The initial contract was for a period of 2 years with the option to extend a further 3 years.
- 1.4 DCC had originally extended the contract until March 2018, and had planned to put the service out to tender from April 2019. However DCC have now offered the Council a contract extension until March 2019 – i.e. an additional extension of one year.

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2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The services is well regarded by residents, and Bolsover District Council are a trusted provider
- 2.2 Accepting the offer of a contract extension is positive outcome for customers and for the Council.

2.3 The Council continues to extend the service and attracting more customers, the majority who self fund. This is part of a strategy to ensure that the Council are not dependent on DCC funding to operate the service, but would be self sufficient if we were not successful in winning future tenders.

2.4 The offer of a contract extension offers certainty for an additional year and should be accepted.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

3.1 None

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Not to accept the contract extension. Rejected as this would have a detrimental impact on vulnerable customers.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

5.1.1 Existing budgets had assumed no income from 2018. It is estimated that the contract extension will bring in an additional income of £230,000.

5.1.2 Not accepting the contract extension would in effect invite an alternative provider into the District who may also compete for other services against the District Council.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

5.2.1 Not specifically, this is an extension to an existing contracts

5.3 Human Resources Implications

5.3.1 Not specifically.

6 Recommendations

6.1 That the Council accept the offer of a one year contract extension to continue to provide a warden service to older people within the District,

6.2 That officers prepare for future tender opportunities to provide similar services within the District

7 Decision Information

Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies	Yes
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	Yes
District Wards Affected	All
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	Install 150 new lifelines within the community each year.

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
	N/A
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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