

**Bolsover District Council**

**Executive**

**26 April 2021**

Independent Living Service – Derbyshire County Council

**Report of the Portfolio Holder - Housing**

**Classification:** This report is public

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**PURPOSE / SUMMARY**

To inform members of an offer of an extension of contract from Derbyshire County Council (DCC) to provide an Independent Living Service (known as the Care Line Service) to older people, and to decide if this offer should be accepted.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the Council accept the offer of a 5 month contract extension to continue to provide an Independent Living Service to older people within the District,
2. That officers prepare for future tender opportunities to provide similar services within the District

Approved by the Portfolio Holder – Cllr Sandra Peake

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**IMPLICATIONS**

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**Finance and Risk:** Yes  No

**Details:**

It is estimated that the contract extension will bring in an additional income of £117,000. 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.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

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**Legal (including Data Protection):** Yes  No

**Details:**

Not specifically, this is an extension to an existing contracts, permitted within the terms of the contract.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

**Staffing:** Yes  No

**Details:**

Not specifically, this is an extension to an existing contracts, adequate staffing resources in place.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

### DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> 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:  <b>BDC:</b> Revenue - £75,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEDDC:</b> Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies	Yes
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	Yes
<b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b>	All indirectly
<b>Consultation:</b> Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet / Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SAMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes  Details: Executive

### Links to Council Ambition (BDC) priorities or Policy Framework including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

Providing excellent and accessible services to all – Install 150 lifeline units within the community per year.

## REPORT DETAILS

### 1 Background

- 1.1 The District Council has operated a the Independent Living Service (Care Line 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 was offered an Inter-Authority Agreement to deliver the DCC funded part of the service in 2019. The initial contract was for a period of 2 years from November 2019 with the option to extend a further year.

### 2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The contract is due to expire at the end of October 2021 however DCC have now offered the Council a contract extension until March 2022 – i.e. an additional extension of 5 months.

### 3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The services is well regarded by residents, and Bolsover District Council are a trusted provider
- 3.2 Accepting the offer of a contract extension is positive outcome for customers and for the Council.
- 3.3 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.

### 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.

## DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
N/A	
<b>Background Papers</b> (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)	