

Agenda Item 6
Council – 20th June 2023
Recommendation from Cabinet
11th April 2023

Coventry City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 11 April 2023

Present:

Cabinet Members: Councillor G Duggins (Chair)
Councillor AS Khan (Deputy Chair)
Councillor K Caan
Councillor M Mutton
Councillor J O'Boyle
Councillor K Sandhu
Councillor P Seaman
Councillor D Welsh

Non-Voting Deputy
Cabinet Members:

Councillor P Akhtar
Councillor G Hayre
Councillor G Lloyd

Non-Voting Opposition
Members:

Councillor G Ridley

Other Non-Voting
Members:

Councillor R Lakha

Employees (by Service):

Interim Chief Executives B Hastie, Interim Chief Executive (Section 151 Officer)

Adult Services and
Housing J Reading, J Bejai

Finance T Pinks, R Martin

Law and Governance J Newman (Chief Legal Officer), S Bennett, T Robinson

Streetscene and
Regulatory Services A Walster (Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services),
C Styles

Apologies:

Councillor N Akhtar
Councillor L Bigham
Councillor R Brown
Councillor P Hetherington
Councillor P Male
Councillor C Miks
Councillor S Nazir

Public Business

RECOMMENDATION

120. Short-Term Home Support Services

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Adult Services and Housing which sought approval for the re-commissioning of Short-Term Home Support (STHS) in Coventry.

The report indicated that STHS is a key feature in the delivery of good Health and Social Care Services. The service supports adults to acquire or reacquire daily living skills to remain residing independently in their own homes, a key policy objective for Health and Social Care. The service is also integral to reducing delayed discharges from acute hospitals, including over the difficult winter period and was an important feature during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The service is also accessed by Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust (CWPT) as part of their Urgent Care Response (UCR) service with an allocation of up to 100 hours per week for this purpose. In addition, the service plays a vital role in preventing hospital admission through short term community based, person centred support that provides reablement and contributes to service user assessments and determination of any ongoing care and support needs.

The current STHS contracts were awarded in 2017 to a framework of independent sector providers and since then there has been an increase in the expected demand for the service from 1995 hours per week in 2017 to a peak of approximately 2800 hours per week during 2022 with current delivery being approximately 2,600 hours per week, due to increasing demand for the service especially in relation to supporting hospital discharge. Much of the additional activity has been funded by specific Hospital Discharge Grants during and since the COVID pandemic.

There is a supplementary element to this service provided at night called the Mobile Night Carers that supports adults with night-time needs and is instrumental in avoiding or delaying the need for admission to a care home for those who may require support during the night.

The expected cost of the contract is £3.359m per annum funded by a mixture of core funding, grant funding and contributions from the Integrated Care Board (ICB).

The current contracts expire on 31st October 2023, but an extension will be put in place to 31st January 2024 to enable the Council to run a competitive process to ensure ongoing support. The new contracts are expected to be in place by February 2024, which has necessitated an extension of the current arrangements by three months to ensure continuity of services in the intervening period.

The Commissioning Team have engaged with key stakeholders including service users, carers, providers, health & social care staff and has also used its experience over the past

few years to inform the future delivery model, which seeks to incorporate several key service improvements.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet recommends that Council approves the procurement of adults Short Term Home Support provision and delegates authority to the Director of Adults and Housing, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Services, for the award of contracts following completion of the tender process.