

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD (Non Key)

The following decision was taken on 02 August 2018 by the Director of Business Strategy.

Date notified to all members: Friday 3 August 2018

Officer Non-Key decisions are not subject to call-in.

#### 1. **TITLE**

Recommendation to Utilise the Clause in the Contract to Extend the Transitional Landlord Service's (TLS) Housing Related Support Contract (provided by South Yorkshire Housing Association) until 30 November 2019

#### 2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That the Transitional Landlord Service (TLS) contract, held by South Yorkshire Housing Association, be extended until 30 November 2019, utilising the 'plus one' extension clauses within the contract and varied, as detailed within the report.

#### 3. **Reasons For Decision**

The contract has within it the capacity to extend for two 1 year periods. The initial three year period ended on 30 November 2017, but was not extended at that time due to a number of negotiated changes that were required too late in the period to enable a straight forward extension to be granted.

Negotiations have now taken place with the provider to reduce funding and maximise units of service delivery within the reduced resources. These have been successful, but further paused to provide an opportunity for further discussions to ensure that supported accommodation options for care leavers could be provided despite the wider funding reduction. Children and Families Service had agreed to provide funding to reduce the unit loss by 5 units that will be ring fenced for care leavers.

To consolidate this range of negotiations and changes approval was now required to utilise the remaining extensions within the contract and to secure the service and formalise the variations.

#### 4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

The alternative options are to:-

##### **Option 1: Terminate the contract and decommission the service**

This is not desirable as at any time it would leave homeless and vulnerable households without access to accommodation and support, and the guarantee of a long term tenancy. This may lead to a downward spiral in the health and wellbeing of these households and a rise in rent arrears, antisocial behaviour and medical

admissions. Residents in the schemes would all need to be housed without the continuation of the support or they would need to be evicted and made homeless.

### **Further Options**

This contract has around 18 months to continue. Any further options would need more capacity than the team has to consider and implement so would not be viable.

5. **Documents used in making decision:**

(a) Delegated Decisions for Housing Related Support Commissioning Strategy and Budget Plan 2016-20

(b) Procurement Strategy

(c) Original Contract Award Approval

6.1 **Any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member who is consulted by the Officer when making the decision**

None

6.2 **Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service**

N/A

7. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, People Services