

North Somerset Council

Report to the Adult Services and Housing Policy and Scrutiny Panel

Date of Meeting: 21st March 2024

Subject of Report: Adult Social Services and Housing Annual Commissioning Intentions Report 2024/25

Town or Parish: Both

Officer/Member Presenting: Teresa Stanley, Head of Strategy and Commissioning

Key Decision: N/A

Reason:

This attached Adult Social Services and Housing Annual Commissioning Intentions Report 2024/25 is for information, with the key decisions to be made by Full Council on 16th April 2024.

Recommendations

For the Adult Services and Housing Policy and Scrutiny Panel to support the recommendations set out in the Full Council Decision report attached.

1. Summary of Report

The purpose of Full Council report is to set out the planned Adult Social Services and Housing commissioning intentions and priorities for the coming 18 months and, where necessary, to seek approval to commence specific procurement activities or to extend contracts beyond their original term.

The commissioning intentions set out within this document are intended to support the delivery of the Adults Social Services and Housing priorities, whilst supporting commissioning intentions as part of the new Adult Social Services Commissioning Strategy 2024 -2031. It will ensure that the available resources are used most effectively, to enable the residents of North Somerset to live as independently as possible, exercising choice and control whilst being assured that where support is commissioned on their behalf, that it is of a quality and standard that they would expect. The commissioning team are focused upon a cross directorate approach which is person centred and outcome focused whilst supporting the delivery of the directorates savings targets as part of the Council's Savings Plan.

2. Policy

Please refer to the policy detail within the attached Full Council Report.

3. Details

Please refer to the detail within the attached Full Council Report.

4. Consultation

Ensuring effective ongoing consultation and engagement is fundamental to the commissioning process and is embedded into each commissioning priority and re-procurement process.

The commissioning intentions for 2024/25 have been developed in consultation with Adult Social Services Director, Assistant Director for Commissioning, Partnerships and Housing Solutions, and relevant Heads of Services, as well as the Procurement Team.

In addition, extensive consultation has been undertaken with the development of the Adult Social Care and Housing Commissioning Strategy which is fundamental to the annual commissioning intentions report. This has included, where appropriate, wider consultation across the wider BNSSG system and Integrated Locality Care Partnerships.

Furthermore, wider consultation and co-production of services is beginning to be developed with individuals in receipt of services, and their carers / families to ensure that services which are being commissioned, are appropriate, outcome focused and of the quality and standard we would expect.

5. Financial Implications

In consultation with the Principal Accountant for Adult Social Services, there are no direct financial implications from this report. Each of the individual procurement activities or contract extensions will need to be considered within the available revenue and capital budgets for the activity.

Costs

The costs associated for each individual contract are detailed in Appendices A and B

Funding

N/A

6. Legal Powers and Implications

Please refer to the detail within the Full Council report attached.

7. Climate Change and Environmental Implications

Please refer to the detail within the Full Council report attached.

8. Risk Management

Please refer to the detail within the Full Council report attached.

9. Equality Implications

Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment? Yes

Please refer to the detail within the Full Council report attached.

10. Corporate Implications

There are no known corporate implications, however, where a commissioning activity is likely to cross over into another Directorate, appropriate consultation will be undertaken. This has already been reflected in the development of the various strategies which have been key to the commissioning intentions outlined in this report.

11. Options Considered

The nature of most of our activity within Adult Social Care and Housing is statutory and therefore an options appraisal will be undertaken as part of any commissioning activity to inform best practice and value, and most appropriate provision to achieve the desired service outcome. Where appropriate this will include Voluntary Community Social and Faith Enterprises, the wider BNSSG system and Integrated Locality Care Partnerships.

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Appendices:

ASC Annual Commissioning Intentions Report to Full Council

ASC Commissioning and Procurement Plan Appendix A (New Activity)

ASC Commissioning and Procurement Plan Appendix B (Existing or previously agreed Activity)

ASS Commissioning Strategy 2024 – 2031

Background Papers:

N/A