

OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME RECORD OF DECISION

TO BE UPLOADED TO THE INTERNET BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Date: 26/3/21	Ref No: 2063
Responsible Officer: Matthew Logan, Provider Relationship Lead	
Type of Decision (please refer to MO Guidance):	
Key <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Freedom of Information Status: <i>(can the report go in the public domain)</i>	
Yes	
Title/Subject matter: Older People Day Services Review	
Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance:	
(i) Is the decision within an Approved Budget?	Yes
(ii) Is the decision in conflict with the council's policies, strategies or relevant service plans?	No
(iii) Does the decision amend existing or raise new policy issues?	No
(iv) Is the decision significant and/or does it meet the £100,000 threshold for recording?	Yes– if yes please state; Total value of contracts is approx. £152,000
Equality Impact Assessment [Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? If yes – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]	No

Summary:

In autumn 2019, a comprehensive review of the following day services afforded Bury Council the opportunity to assess whether they remained fit for purpose and provided value for money:

Name of Service
The Jinnah Centre Day Club
Age UK Bury Friends Together Groups
Indian Senior Citizen Centre Day Club (out of borough)
Association of Ukrainians Lunch Club (out of borough)
Polish Centre Lunch Club

Key points from the review:

- Early intervention, improved health and wellbeing and a reduction in loneliness and social isolation were themes that ran throughout the review with the majority of providers meeting outcomes and supporting the then C&WB priorities and Locality Plan aspirations.
- Although there were a number of lunch clubs and activities for older people throughout the borough at the time, research indicated that there were no providers who offered the same level of support in terms of early intervention and meeting cultural needs.
- Value for money varied substantially simply because the contracts were twenty years old, prices renewed from year to year from custom and practice, and had never been reviewed in this (comparative) way, therefore the disparity had not been apparent.
- Although members were satisfied with their service, it was recognised that numbers attending were only a small fraction of the population of older people in Bury; and that further consultation is needed to ensure day services are delivered in a way which supports the needs of the Bury 2030 Plan.

A recommendations report was submitted to Commissioning Board on 04 December 2019, however since then the COVID-19 pandemic had a massive impact on the plans to re-model/re-tender and forced us to delay the process of developing a more transformative service for the future.

Proposal is to extend all 6 contracts (up to 12 months) with view to ensuring that day services are delivered in a way that supports the needs of the Bury 2030 Plan.

It will also enable further time to understand if there are any efficiencies to be derived from this work or whether more could be done with the existing budget. Using day services may provide a unique opportunity to maintain a form of preventative and proactive support in Bury for more people than it currently does. It would also provide an alternative for social care teams to refer residents who do not meet the eligibility criteria for more formal support.

This proposal has been supported by Community Commissioning Management Team and with the input of Head of Strategic Procurement.

Wards affected: Services are across Bury

Consultations: None


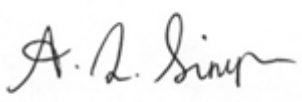
Scrutiny & Review Committee Interest: None

Options considered:

1. Continue extending each of the 6 contracts year on year with no changes or minor changes.
2. Extend all 6 contracts (up to 12 months) and re-model/re-tender to ensure day services are delivered in a way which supports the needs of the Bury 2020-30 Plan.
3. De-commission all 6 services
4. Following the 2019 review, re-visit each individual service and make separate recommendations with updated information.

Option 2 is recommended.

Decision *[with reasons]*

Decision made by:	Signature:	Date:
Director or Chief/Senior Officer		29.3.2021
Members Consulted <i>[see note 1 below]</i>		
Cabinet Member		30.3.2021
Lead Member		
Opposition Spokesperson		

Notes

1. Where, in accordance with the requirements of the Officer Delegation Scheme, a Chief Officer consults with the appropriate Cabinet Member they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained if required, to confirm that he/she has been consulted. Please refer to the MO Guidance.
2. **This form must not be used for urgent decisions.**
3. Where there is any doubt, Corporate Directors should err on the side of caution and seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer.