

## Record of Officer Decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	To take up the 12-month contract extension option in relation to the supported living services provided by Aspire at Ivy Close and Southbank Close
<b>Date of decision:</b>	Contracts and Commissioning Board
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Stephen Vickers, Director of Adults and Communities
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Officer</li> <li>• An executive decision authorising the officer (in which case include a link to the relevant decision) Key Decision 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 Reference No: 2016-17.3286 H&amp;WB.001 KEY REG 10 HOSC</li> </ul>
<b>Ward:</b>	All Wards as referrals are led by customer choice.
<b>Consultation:</b>	This is a twelve-month contract extension to the existing arrangement and there is no change to service provision. As a result, there is no need for further consultation.
<b>Decision made:</b>	To take up the contract extension option of 12 months from the 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2019 to 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2020. The annual cost will not exceed £860,000
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The current contractual arrangement has an end date of the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019. The contract allows the Council to extend this agreement beyond the Initial Term by a further period or periods (Extension Period) of up to two years. The contract extension option is recommended in order to scope and inform the commissioning decisions based on a whole service approach that maximizes efficient joint working between different areas of service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This will ensure that commissioning decisions are supported with accurate information about local needs and market capability;</li> <li>• This will allow sufficient time to redesign the services and undertake a competitive procurement exercise based on sound intelligence and strategic approach;</li> <li>• This will enable proactive work with the care market to ensure engagement with the strategic approach;</li> <li>• The Accommodation Needs Group will check demand against voids and meet monthly to ensure that suitable referrals are being made;</li> <li>• There is an opportunity to redesign and align residential service delivered by Fitzroy at the Southbank site to ensure a whole service approach that minimises the hurdles between different areas of service and ensure it meets the needs of Herefordshire's residents;</li> </ul>
<b>Highlight any risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<p>The annual total of £860,000 is already within budget, plus there is no change to the current services hence no equality considerations</p> <p>There are no health and safety implications as this is an extension of the current three year contractual arrangement and Aspire were rated 'Good' by the Care Quality Commission at the last inspection (September 2016).</p>
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	<p><b>Recommission the service as is:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This option may not align with strategic direction particularly around a whole service approach and a potential alignment of other services in the vicinity.</li> <li>○ If a procurement exercise is undertaken before the Learning Disability Strategy is implemented there is a risk a service may be commissioned</li> </ul>

	<p>that does not maximise the opportunities in relation to technology and employment/training/volunteering program's in the local community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ An accurate understanding of current market position is essential to carry out effective commissioning (A specific Market Position Statement for learning disability services).</li> </ul>
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<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	N/A
<p>Signed..... Date: ...../...../201.....</p> <p>Print Name .....</p>	

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