



Doncaster Council

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS - DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on Tuesday 15th February 2022 by:-

Councillor Nigel Ball, Cabinet Member for Public Health, Leisure, Culture and Planning.

Date notified to all Members: Tuesday 15th February, 2022

End of the call-in period is 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 24th February, 2022. This decision will not be implemented until after this date and time.

Present: Cllr Nigel Ball, Emma Nicholas-Hernandez

Apologies: N/A

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough Grant Agreement Extension

2. DECISION TAKEN

To approve the use of the current financial envelop for 3 years (with 1 year extension) and grant award Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough to continue to deliver expert generalist advice across Doncaster under a new agreement from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2025. The grant value is £152,150 per annum and is profiled into the annual budget for the full length of the contract and option of extension. Grant amount for 3 years totals £456,450.

3. REASONS FOR DECISION

This will provide greater stability for the provider whilst also aligning with a community centred approach to commissioning and the option to extend provides the Councils with flexibility. The new grant agreement will also include revised KPIs and outcome measures to reflect the current landscape and ensure the service is fit for purpose across the life of the agreement.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Do nothing, let the contract lapse:

The current grant agreement comes to an end on 31st March 2022.

Notice will be given to the provider and generalist advice support would



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cease operation at the end of March 2022. This was rejected as the service is considered vital to residents of Doncaster.

Procure and award the service at the current contract amount:

Procure a provider to deliver generalist advice under a new contract from 1st April 2022 under the current secured financial envelope for the full length of a 3 year (with 1 year extension) This was rejected due to due to the length of the agreement the amount would require a key decision which would delay the procurement leading to a break in service delivery. Due to the nature of the service and limited providers available to meet the requirements the Council has the options to award a grant, eliminating the risk of a break in service due to a procurement process and any handover period if a new provider was awarded.

Secure additional funding to increase contract amount and procure and award the service:

Secure funding with an increased financial envelope for the full length of a 3 year (with 1 year extension) contract to allow for increased capacity to meet demand. Procure a provider to deliver generalist advice under a new contract from 1st April 2022. This was rejected due to additional funding not being available and if it was sourced, due to the length of the agreement the amount would require a key decision which would delay the procurement leading to a break in service delivery

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

N/A

6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

N/A

7. RESPECTIVE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Dr Rupert Suckling, Director of Public Health

Signed _____

Councillor Nigel Ball
Chair/Decision Maker