

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

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<b>Report to:</b>	<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR VALUE FOR MONEY &amp; EFFICIENCY JOINTLY WITH THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR FOR PEOPLE</b>
<b>Report of:</b> <b>Date of Decision:</b>	<b>Assistant Director of Universal and Prevention</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>EXTENSION OF THIRD SECTOR GRANTS- HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE</b>
<b>Key Decision: No</b>	<b>Relevant Forward Plan Ref: N/A</b>
<b>If not in the Forward Plan:</b> <b>(please "X" box)</b>	<b>Chief Executive approved</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>O&amp;S Chairman approved</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</b>	<b>Cllr Majid Mahmood - Value for Money &amp; Efficiency</b>
<b>Relevant O&amp;S Chairman:</b>	<b>Cllr Mohammed Aikhlaq: Corporate Resources and Governance</b>
<b>Wards affected:</b>	<b>All</b>

<b>1. Purpose of report:</b>
1.1 To seek Cabinet Member approval to extend existing Third Sector Grants for a period of 3 month until 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017.
1.2 The accompanying private reports contain the details of individual grants to organisations.

<b>2. Decision(s) recommended:</b>
That the Cabinet Member for Value for Money and Efficiency jointly with the Strategic Director of People:
2.1 Notes the content of this report

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<b>3. Consultation</b>
<p>3.1 <u>Internal</u></p> <p>3.1.1 The Cabinet Members for Health &amp; Social Care has been briefed on this proposal together with Cabinet Member for Value for Money &amp; Efficiency; both of whom are supportive of a temporary extension whilst we confirm future commissioning intentions to ensure stability in the market.</p> <p>3.1.2 The Commissioning Centre of Excellence Board have been consulted on the proposed award and have approved the proposal.</p> <p>3.1.3 Officers from Finance &amp; Legal Services and Corporate Procurement Services have also been involved in the production of this report.</p> <p>3.2 <u>External</u></p> <p>3.2.1 Citizens of Birmingham have been involved in the original development of these services and part of the previous consultation for service redesign. They remain a fundamental component of any future commissioning strategy and will be consulted on future commissioning intentions through the budget consultation process for 2017/18, the outcome from the Budget consultation process will involve further dialogue with Citizens through a co-production approach to future redesigns.</p>
<b>4. Compliance Issues:</b>
<p>4.1 <u>Are the recommended decisions consistent with the Council's policies, plans and strategies?</u></p> <p>4.1.1 The Integrated Commissioning Programme prioritises vulnerable individuals in most need who overwhelmingly live in areas of significant deprivation. These services address the priorities set by the Council of Homes and health and Wellbeing. The services are designed to reduce vulnerability and promote resilience through prevention and early intervention. Services target those below the assessed care needs threshold, which without intervention would be highly likely to progress into the assessed care needs category, resulting in greater costs to the public pursue. Equally these services are currently utilised by some Citizens with assessed eligible needs for care and support which the local authority has a duty to meet.</p> <p>To support these objectives commissioned services will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver highly effective housing support and universal prevention services which both reduce the need for higher cost statutory and emergency interventions, and enable people to sustain independent living in their communities.</li> <li>• Assist vulnerable people furthest away from the labour market to succeed economically, through support to gain access to employment, training and volunteering opportunities. Also of importance is support to maximise the income of residents who may be adversely impacted by welfare reform.</li> <li>• Promote the health and wellbeing of vulnerable people and their children by ensuring access to appropriate holistic health care services that avoid duplication and ensure demand is managed effectively.</li> <li>• Ensure that safeguards are in place, enabling vulnerable people to live independently within their communities free from harm and repeat incidents of violence.</li> <li>• Help address deprivation and inequalities and support the super diversity agendas for the City.</li> <li>• Supports the City Council to deliver the prevention requirements of the Care Act 2014.</li> <li>• Ensure citizens voice is at the heart of the service we commission and address the barriers that cause migration into the assessed care needs market; consequently increasing the burden on the local authority statutory budget.</li> </ul>

4.1.2 In order to discharge the Council's duty under the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 and the Council's Social Value Policy, the grant aided providers have been required to demonstrate how their performance will comply with the principles through the development and submission of an action plan.

#### 4.2 Financial Implications

4.2.1. The proposed extensions of the individual 17 grants will be for a 3 months period, until 31 March 2017, dependent on the outcome of proposals within the Budget consultation process for 2017/18 and future commissioning intentions. The 3 month extension cost of all the individual grants equates to £0.201m. This is subject to satisfactory performance and future commissioning intentions. The proposals can be contained within the Third Sector Budget for 2016/17. They are also consistent with the savings proposals which are currently subject to Budget consultation process for 2017/18. All grants will contain a break clause allowing them to be terminated by either party within one months' notice, should this be required because of reductions in future Council funding, changes in local priorities or an inability to deliver against the terms of the grant.

4.2.2. The total cost of the extensions do not create any additional financial pressure on the Council and form part of the originally approved financial envelope for the new Integrated Prevention Service (C0218(R)) Cabinet paper, May 2016. They are broken down into the following 2 areas:

Theme	Number of Grants	3 Month Extension
		£000
C: Advice and Information	4	29.7
D: Advice and Support	9	171.7
Total	13	201

#### 4.3 Legal Implications

4.3.1 The Council's powers as Administering Authority for third sector Housing Related Support services which includes the Supporting People, programme (which these services form part of the future modelling) are in section 93 Local Government Act 2000. The Council may also exercise powers under the Care Act 2014 together with associated legislation and guidance

4.3.2 Under Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, a local authority has the power to take action which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of its functions and therefore has a general power to enter into grant arrangements for the discharge of any of its functions.

#### 4.4 Public Sector Equality Duty

4.4.1 An initial Equality Impact Assessment has been completed for the Third Sector Grants. This has identified that proposals will impact specific groups and therefore further consultation will be required subject to any future commissioning intentions.

<b>5.</b>	<b>Relevant background/chronology of key events:</b>
5.1	The contract strategy for the Integrated Prevention Services was originally approved by Cabinet the 20th October 2015, and updated with the Integrated Prevention Service (C0218(R)) Cabinet approval in May 2016.
5.2	Nationally, policy documents for a number of years, such as the Parliamentary Select Committee report on Supporting People in 2009, have supported the view around the benefits of continued investment in prevention and early intervention services. Equally both the Leader's Policy Statement and the NHS 5 Year Forward Plan focus on preventative services that reduce the long term increased cost of health care across the health and social care economy. At a local level, prevention services currently support 7516 people in Birmingham to remain independent and continue to live in their homes. The provision of prevention services also directly supports the objectives of the Future Council and the Maximising Independence of Adults programme by offering the potential to reduce demand and expenditure on more costly social care and health interventions. Moving forward it will also support the emerging priority to increase uptake of direct payments and better utilisation of how it is invested to enable citizens to remain independent in their own community at the same time as building community and family resilience.
5.3	Original plans had intended to have a new Integrated Prevention Service commissioned by the 31st December, 2016 however this procurement programme was put on hold whilst the Directorate finalised future commissioning intentions aligned to the Directorate savings plan. This is yet to be agreed so we are now seeking approval to extend existing services temporarily to mitigate any risks for our most vulnerable that in the absence of support may require a social care intervention or housing assessment.
5.4	The extension of these Third sector grants enables continued delivery of these services and to mitigate any safeguarding risks, increase demand on adult social care or the risk of a vulnerable population requiring temporary accommodation. It is recommended that a temporary extension is agreed to existing services that will enable the ongoing support of some of our most vulnerable citizens.
5.5	<u>Grant Aid Management</u>
5.5.1	These grants will be managed within the Commissioning Centre of Excellence, overseen by the Commissioning Manager. The requirements are set out in the individual grant agreements with each organisation. This will be reviewed at the point of grants extension to ensure the provider is able to continue delivery against future Council objectives. Subsequent monitoring will be quarterly on a grant by grant basis to ensure quality and performance is maintained and remains consistent.
5.6	In summary, approval is sought to extend to the Third Sector Grants outlined in Appendix 1 of the private report for 3 months until 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017.
5.7	The cost of the extensions will be funded through existing budgets outlined in 4.2.1 to mitigate against increase demand that could be required if services were decommissioned whilst budget consultations and commissioning intentions are confirmed

**6. Evaluation of alternative option(s):**

- 6.1 Doing nothing is not a viable option as without the extension of existing grant, the 4 weeks that remain until these services end does not provide sufficient time to mitigate any safeguarding risks and would ultimately result in at least 3,820 referrals into adult social care immediately; these service are providing a level of support that enables them to safely maintain a level of independence and negates the need for social care intervention.
- 6.2 Equally there are 933 of the service users that currently receive these services to meet an assessed eligible need for care and support. Removal of this support may mean these people would also need a reassessment as the agreed package of care and support would be reduced.

**7. Reasons for Decision(s):**

- 7.1 To give approval to extend existing 3rd Sector Grants for a period of 3 months until March 2017.

**Signatures****Date**

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Cabinet Member for Value for Money & Efficiency

Peter Hay: .....  
Strategic Director for People

**List of Background Documents used to compile this Report:**

Cabinet report - Contract strategy for the Integrated Prevention Services of 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015.