

ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS BY OFFICER

Subject Authorisation of increased funding to Alzheimer's Society for the provision of Dementia Advisor Service and Day Services up to 31st March 2014

Officer taking decision Mathew Kendall

Date of decision 3rd September 2013

Summary	This report recommends an increase in the contract value to Alzheimer's Society for the provision of Dementia Advisor Service and Day Services.
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Status (public or exempt) Public

Wards affected All

Function of (Council/Executive) None

Enclosures

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1. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Cabinet Resources Committee, 8 December 2009 (decision item 7) approved the strategic document 'Looking after Yourself — a prevention framework for Barnet' as the basis for the commissioning of preventative services by Adult Social Care and Health. The service provided by the Alzheimer's Society is part of the prevention work undertaken by the Voluntary Sector.

1.2 Cabinet Resources Committee, 7 November 2011 (decision item 10) agreed to waive the Contract Procedure Rules, authorised regularisation of the contracts in respect of Adults' and Children's services which included the service provided by the Alzheimer's Society and authorised a limited extension of those existing arrangements.

2 CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.1 Barnet's Health and Well Being Strategy 'Keeping Well, Keeping Independent' 2012 to 2015 notes the expectation that the numbers of people with dementia in Barnet will increase. One of the key aims of the Corporate Plan 2013-16 is 'To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well'. Early diagnosis, treatment and support mean that people with dementia can continue to live good lives. A key area affecting the ability of people with dementia being able to remain living in their own home is the availability of good support in the community.

2.2 This report concerns the funding to a current provider to enhance their delivery of services with the provision of a Dementia Advisor Service. The recommended decision is intended to ensure compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and therefore supports the Corporate Plan commitment to the Council's business being well-run, efficient and transparent.

2.3 There will be procurement of services from April 2014 and the Council will take the opportunity to sound the market through expressions of interest to inform the procurement.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

3.1 The Council has an established relationship and an existing contract with the organisation. Payments will be made in accordance with usual contract management procedures and subject to performance and outcome monitoring.

3.2 I do not consider the issues involved are likely to raise significant levels of public concern or give rise to policy considerations as the Alzheimer's Society (Barnet, Enfield & Haringey) is an established local provider with a good track record.

3.3 The provision of a Dementia Advisor Service supports the development of a Dementia Hub in Barnet. The aim of the Dementia Hub is to develop a dementia resource of multi agency interventions and support networks for people with

dementia and their carers. This supports the health and social care agenda for older people to prevent the need for longer term or more expensive services such as reduced length of stay in residential care

- 3.4 Risk exists with: the increase in the numbers of older people, more people with dementia, greater and earlier need for social care and poorer quality of life for vulnerable older people at home. The provision of this service supports people to remain at home in the community for longer and delay admissions to Care Homes.

4. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 4.1 Barnet is among the five London Boroughs with the largest prevalence of dementia. Dementia Incidence is much higher in older age groups — amongst the 65+ age group, estimated prevalence ranges from 7.8% to 8.7%, and amongst those aged 85 or over, prevalence is nearly 1 in 4.

- 4.2 The public sector equality duty set out in S149 of the Equality Act requires the Council to have due regard to matters set out below:

(a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;

(b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;

(c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

(3) Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to—

(a) remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;

(b) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;

(c) encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

(4) The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities.

(5) Having due regard to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to—

(a) tackle prejudice, and

(b) promote understanding.

(6) Compliance with the duties in this section may involve treating some persons more favourably than others; but that is not to be taken as permitting conduct that would otherwise be prohibited by or under this Act.

(7) The relevant protected characteristics are —

- age;
- disability;
- gender reassignment;
- pregnancy and maternity;
- race;
- religion or belief;
- sex;
- sexual orientation.

5. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.1 The original service was funded through a grant to the Alzheimer's Society. A contract was entered into with the Society in November 2011 following approval by Cabinet Resources Committee of a report regularising a large number of voluntary sector grant funding agreements into contracts. The annual contract value is £54,528.00. The contract value of the existing service up to 31st March 2014 will be £127,232. The additional funding for the new and additional services will increase the contract value to £168,898.
- 5.2 Funding has been agreed by the Health and Well Being Board from within the Section 256 budget. Section 256 funding is a payment from the Clinical Commissioning Group to the Local Authority to support specific additional local authority services.

Funding	Cost 01.08.13 to 31.03.14	Full year cost
Dementia Advisor Service	£36,666	£55,000
Resources for Training	£5,000	£5,000
Total Costs	£41,666	£60,000

- 5.2 This provides value for money as early intervention in dementia is known to be cost effective and allow people with dementia to maintain living in their own home and delay admissions to Care Homes.

6. LEGAL ISSUES

- 6.1 Procurement processes must comply with the European procurement rules and the Treaty obligations of transparency, equality of treatment and non-discrimination as well as the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
- 6.2 The proposed contract is for provision of a Part B service for the purposes of the Public (Contracts) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and there is therefore no requirement to use tender procedures in the selection of contractors.
- 6.3 The contract between the Council and the Alzheimer's Society for the provision of Dementia Advisor Service and Day Services will be varied in accordance with its terms and conditions as necessary for the delivery of the additional services and will be executed by the parties.
- 6.4 The contract variation will require that the new advisor is appointed on a temporary or fixed term contract to avoid any TUPE requirements which could limit the options during the tender process for the new service (post April 2014).

7. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

- 7.1 The Council Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, paragraph 7.1 states that Chief Officers can take decisions without consultation with the Cabinet Member concerned where it is a decision authorised to be taken by the Chief Officer under the Contract Procedure Rules.
- 7.2 Contract Procedure Rules, Appendix 1, Table A – provides that approved officers (Director, Assistant Director, Service Lead, Lead Commissioner or Head of Service in accordance with the scheme of delegation who has responsibility for all contracts tendered and let by their respective area of responsibility) can approve variations/extensions with a value of between £25,001 and £173,934 via a full delegated powers report.

8. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 8.1 The Council and the Barnet Primary Care Trust developed a Dementia Action Plan in 2010 to create a new model of care and to deliver the key recommendations of the Department of Health's National Dementia Strategy: Living Well with Dementia.
- 8.2 The strategic Dementia Action Plan aims to move away from a model of care that encourages reliance solely on health and social care services and instead balances statutory services with support through a community based approach .
- 8.3 The Barnet Dementia Advisor Service is an integral part of the Barnet Dementia Pathway organised around a Dementia Hub. This has been identified as a priority by a large range of stakeholders during the Dementia Pathway work. Additional investment is being made through the Clinical Commissioning Group to expand the dementia memory service with immediate effect and development of the dementia advisor service will be an important part of the care pathway.
- 8.4 The Dementia Advisor service is a core component of the Dementia Hub and has strong support from the Health and Well Being Board. It addresses the need for

specialist advice and support at an early stage will deliver specific information prior to and at point of diagnosis. It will promote better informed decision making so that independence can be sustained. It will provide specialist abilities, skills and knowledge, working in an integrated health and social care environment.

9. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None

10. DECISION TAKER'S STATEMENT

I have the required powers to make the decision documented in this report. I am responsible for the report's content and am satisfied that all relevant advice has been sought in the preparation of this report and that it is compliant with the decision making framework of the organisation which includes Constitution, Scheme of Delegation, Budget and Policy Framework and Legal issues including Equalities obligations.

I have considered whether the issues involved are likely to raise significant levels of public concern or comment or give rise to policy considerations and have concluded that they do not..

11. OFFICER'S DECISION

I authorise the following action

- 11.1 Variation of the value of the contract with the Alzheimer's Society by an additional £41,666 to supplement the existing dementia service, as outlined in this report.

Signed



Date

4/09/13