

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEMBER SIGNING
TUESDAY, 17 MAY 2011**

Present: Councillor Dilek Dogus (Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services)

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION
1.	<p>PROPOSALS FOR THE RE-DESIGN OF THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S SAVINGS PLAN (Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services – Agenda Item 4):</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Adult, Culture and Community Services (ACCS) agreed to accept the report as a late item of urgent business. The report was late because the response to the consultation that had taken place in March/April was far greater than anticipated. The analysis of the responses which was reported in the consultation and summary report (Appendix 2 to the interleaved report) had taken longer than originally planned and needed to be reflected in the final version of the report. The report was too urgent to await the next meeting because in order to meet the efficiencies proposed the programme of reductions needed to commence as the current contracts had been extended only to the end of May 2011.</p> <p>Appendix A to the interleaved report was the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contained exempt information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).</p> <p>It was noted that the purpose of the report was to implement the final funding decisions in relation to the budget reductions in the Supporting People programme. It was also noted that on 24 February 2011 the Cabinet Member (ACCS) had agreed criteria for future funding in relation to the Supporting People Programme for 2011/12. These criteria were subject to consultation and the report now sought to confirm approval of the criteria which were set out at Appendix 1 to the interleaved report.</p> <p>These criteria were provisionally applied to assess the future commissioning of services and these provisional decisions were subject to consultation. Following appropriate consideration of the responses to this consultation and having had due regard to the Council's equality duties as set out in the Equality Act 2010 the report sought approval to implement funding decisions arising from the application of these criteria.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>1. That approval of the criteria set out below for the future funding of services under the Supporting People programme be confirmed in order for final decisions on funding of individual services to be made -</p> <p>Criterion 1</p> <p>Services with an annual contract value of £850,000 and above will be subject to a contract review with the existing contractors with a view to finding significant savings. This recognises that a large part of the Supporting People budget is spent with on these existing contracts and significant savings will need to be found in these contracts in order to make the overall savings to the Supporting People budget. The Council is contractually committed to funding these contracts post April 2011 and therefore will need to enter contract negotiations to achieve the savings requirements.</p>

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There is a significant difference in value of the contracts, with smaller contracts providing completely different services: it has therefore been necessary to identify those contracts that have the highest value within the current programme in order to ensure that the Council is able to achieve significant savings whilst continuing to provide essential services. Smaller contracts affect a smaller proportion of the borough but may also represent how the programme is meeting niche needs – it is therefore essential that they are examined using specific criteria as set out below

Criterion 2

Lower value contracts will be marked on criteria as listed below and the total score will determine whether the service is to:

- (i) end on 31 March 2011
- (ii) end at a subsequent agreed date
- (iii) continue at a reduced contract value
- (iv) continue at the existing contract value
- (v) continue at the existing contract value, subject to review

	Criteria		max	Maximum Score
1	Strategic Relevance			10
2	Impact	5	10	10
3	Contract Capacity	5	10	10
4	Other significant factors	0	5	5
				35

Proposed evaluation process for those contracts falling into criteria 2

1. Strategic Relevance

All existing SP Providers have Strategic Relevance, as they provide housing related support and to end a service in the SP programme would, potentially, lead to a breakdown in appropriate support and possible transfer to an alternative, more expensive service. 10 points are awarded for Strategic Relevance.

2. Impact

There will be an impact on other services (including Council services), with the removal of SP services on this scale. This score relates to the decision on future funding from the SP grant, which removes an SP funded service from the programme and potentially transfers services delivery to another, more expensive service.

It has been deemed that there will be less of an impact with the withdrawal of floating support services, as opposed to accommodation based services, except where there is a contract capacity in excess of 300 service users.

The rationale for this is that, Accommodation-based services meet the greater housing needs of the Borough; there is a need to retain as much stock as possible across all tenure types. To remove accommodation based services, would not only lose valuable stock but increase homelessness.

By contrast, in recognising that Floating Support services help maintain tenancies, there is also a statutory responsibility upon the Council to provide support where no other exists.

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Floating Support services will be awarded 5 points and Accommodation-based services will be awarded 10 points.

3. Contract Capacity

Providers who have a contract capacity below 360 will be awarded 5 points. It is deemed that a Provider who has a contract capacity greater than 360, and therefore has greater throughputs (where an average duration for short term interventions is deemed to be 3 months), shall be awarded 10 points.

4. Other significant factors

It is possible that areas of Provider activity, or other sources of funding will be highlighted which may have a positive or negative influence on the status of the service after application of the other criteria and this needs to be taken into account. For example, other sources of funding.

Where this is proven to be the case, an award of 5 points can be given with reasons.

Provisional Determination

end on 31 March 2011

Where a service scores 20 points, or below and the contract is due to end on 31 March 2011, then, the service will end on 31 March 2011.

end at a subsequent agreed date

Where a service scores 20 points, or below and there is a pre-existing agreement of a different termination date, the service will end on that date.

continue at a reduced contract value

Where a service scores 25 points, or above and there is a Procurement Committee approval for a new contract, but at a reduced rate, the service will continue for the agreed period and at the agreed reduced rate.

continue at the existing contract value

Where a service scores 25 points, or above and has been reviewed and Procurement Committee approval granted for a new contract, the service will continue for the agreed period at that agreed rate.

continue at the existing contract value, subject to review

Where a service scores 25 points, or above and was not fully reviewed in 2010/11, the contract will continue at the existing contract value, until its expiry date, subject to the renegotiation at any time of these terms, such renegotiation may include a reduced contract value and/or term.

Note: Any decisions will be subject to compliance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders and none of the above prejudices the Council's ability to renegotiate any contracts on more favorable terms.

2. That approval be granted to the recommendations as set out in the exempt Appendix A of the interleaved report to implement the funding changes to individual services resulting from the application of these criteria.

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The meeting ended at 13.10 hours.

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