

CABINET

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Housing Pathway Scheme Contract2

HOUSING PATHWAY SCHEME CONTRACT

1. Decision:

The Cabinet:

- 1.1. Awarded the contract to Spring Housing Association for an initial two-year term, with two optional extensions each of 12 months.
- 1.2. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Housing, Ecology and Climate Change in consultation with the Assistant Director for Resident and Business Services to award the two optional extensions subject to the cost of the extensions being funded from existing budgets including external funding.

2. Statement of Reasons:

This report outlines a proposal to award an initial two-year contract for the council's Housing Pathway Scheme to Spring Housing Association, following a competitive tender exercise.

The contract has been jointly procured with Cannock Chase District Council and will deliver the Housing Pathway Scheme for rough sleepers and those at risk of homelessness, with multiple and complex needs, across the two districts.

The contract will also see Spring Housing Association provide tenancy sustainment support for residents and potential residents of six accommodation units within the district, and other clients with complex needs. The support provided by Spring Housing Association helps to ensure the residents can sustain their tenancies through housing related support, which is delivered as part of the scheme.

Spring Housing Association is the incumbent supplier of the existing contract that was established in 2019 and ends in May 2023.

proposed contract is for a two-year period, until May 2025, with two 12-month optional extensions. The cost of the initial two-year contract will be funded through the Government's Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI) funding .

The award of the two 12-month extensions will be dependent on budgets, including external funding being available.

3. Any Alternative Options:

1. Re-run the procurement exercise. This is not advised as the council's current contract expires on 31 May 2023.
2. Do nothing. This is not advised as it would leave both councils out of contract for the Housing Pathway Scheme.
3. Procure as two separate councils. This is not possible as the RSI funding reflects the joint work between both LDC and CCDC but could be an option for future contracts. That said, the guidelines indicated that the government looks more favourably on collaborative bids between two or more LA's.

(Councillor Eadie declared a personal interest in this item as a Director of LWM Traded Services Ltd)

(Simon Fletcher, Chief Executive, declared a personal interest in this item as a Director of LWM Traded Services Ltd)

