

REPORT TO: Executive Board
DATE: 18 January 2018
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People
PORTFOLIO: Health & Wellbeing
SUBJECT: Carers Trust
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To seek approval from Executive Board to award a contract to the Carers Trust for a one year period from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019, requiring a waiver to Procurement Standing Orders

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That Executive Board

1) Agree to use Procurement Standing Order 1.14.3 (f), where compliance with Standing Orders would be inconsistent with joint and Partnership working or special external funding arrangements; and

2) Agree to award a contract to the Carers Trust for a one year period from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Jointly funded with NHS Halton CCG, the authority currently has a contract in place with the Carers Trust that is due to expire on the 31st March 2018

3.2 The Carers Trust delivers a home based respite care service that provides practical help, personal care and emotional support to people in their own homes, replacing the care normally provided by their informal carer.

3.3 An NHS Halton CCG scoping paper looking into the commissioning and provision of end of life care recommended that further work was undertaken to support the development of a different commissioning process that will enable a new delivery model for end of life care. The service provided by the Carers Trust will fall within the remit of this end of life review, necessitating an extension of a further year to their current contract.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Continuing this service ensures that both the Authority and NHS Halton CCG are compliant with their statutory duties

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The total financial cost to the authority and NHS Halton CCG is £125,000 and is met through the Better Care Fund.

5.2 The cost of this contract can be met within existing budget allocations.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

Not applicable

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

Not applicable

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

This service makes an important contribution to the health and social care system in Halton

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

Not applicable

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

Not applicable

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 This contract falls below the current EU threshold of £589,148 for Contracts for Social and Specific Services, and subsequently the risk of challenge will be negligible.

7.2 The Quality Assurance Team will continue to monitor this service and ensure the Council and Halton residents receive value for money.

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
End of Life Scoping Paper	Runcorn Town Hall	Damian Nolan Anne Nolan