

Cambridgeshire County Council Record of Decision

Decision taken by an officer of the Council

Title of decision	High value modifications to the Integrated Drug and Alcohol Treatment System
Date decision taken	4 June 2021
Decision maker	Chief Executive <i>(ordinarily it would be Adults and Health Committee)</i>

<p>Details of decision taken</p>	<p>Background</p> <p>Cambridgeshire County Council has received 2 short term MHCLG/PHE grant funding streams, each with set aims, objectives and outcome measures both involving consultation and close joint strategic planning with partners and along with requirements for immediate delivery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHCLG/PHE Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant (Cambridge City) to run over a 15-month period. <p>Deliverables: The MHCLG/PHE grant is targeted at those rough sleepers who were placed in accommodation during COVID who require drug and treatment along with other services to address their complex needs. Many of this group responded well to the accommodation with better treatment outcomes and overall improvements in health.</p> <p>The grant was to address the concern that on their return to the streets, as this accommodation was ending, that additional treatment efforts would be needed to enable them to cope with the change, maintain any improvements and to find permanent housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHE Drug Treatment Crime and Harm Reduction Funding (Countywide) for one-year 2021/22. <p>Deliverables: The PHE Crime and Harm Reduction Grant will increase capacity to address the needs of prisoners who require drug and alcohol treatment on release from prison. Prisoners released from prison are at high risk of falling into a “treatment gap” through limited interfaces between prison and community drug and alcohol services. This grant would ensure that there is extra capacity to ensure better integration between prison and community services.</p> <p>Commissioning approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Authority currently commissions Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services from Change Grow Live (CGL). In line with the requirements of the grants, both grant applications were collaboratively developed with CGL as the current provider. • The aim is use both grants to procure additional services from CGL under its contract as a contract variation. This contract runs until March 2024, which includes its extension options. Therefore, it could deliver these additional grant funded services within the grant period. Total value of the
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contract with contract variations is £28.6million including these grants.

- The organisation performs well and is currently delivering the services that are included in the terms of the two grants. The grant funding would enable it to develop and expand its services along with ensuring that they were fully integrated into those that they and partner organisations currently provide.
- CGL as a provider is responsive and flexible to deliver on both S31 grants across both Local Authority areas and understands the short-term element to both funding streams. They are a good solid provider, performing well and willing to adopt new ways of working to benefit patients and the wider system

Contract

MGCLG/PHE Rough Sleeping Grant

The initial funding was £403k and it was awarded in January 2021. However, it was indicated that there was a strong possibility of additional funding. Confirmation of the additional £269k was not received until April 2021

PHE Crime and Harm Reduction Grant

This award of £381k was made at the end of March

The £403k and £381k were separate awards and under the £500k threshold.

However, the additional funding of £269k for the Rough Sleeper work clearly exceeds the £500k threshold.

Procurement advice

Procurement advice was that the award to the current provider could be made as they are in line with current rules i.e.

- a. the need for the modification has been brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen; and
- b. the modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract; and
- c. any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract.

Therefore approval is required for:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awarding the grant payments to CGL through an extension of its current contract.
Reasons for taking decision	<p>The grant conditions stipulate this funding must be allocated and delivery functions in place within 3 months. An urgent decision is therefore required to ensure grant agreement process can be implemented and funding distributed within the timescales set.</p> <p>The grants aim to decrease the risks to the health and wellbeing of this vulnerable group of drug and alcohol misusers, the grants aim to mitigate these risks.</p>
Options considered	<p>This decision would ordinarily be taken by Adults and Health Committee. As there will not be a meeting of the new Adults and Health Committee until 24th June 2021, it is important that the Chief Executive takes this decision.</p> <p>The Chief Executive has consulted the Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee (Councillor Nethsingha), the other Group Leaders (Councillors Count, Meschini and Sanderson) and the Chair and Vice-Chair of Adults and Health Committee (Councillors Howitt and van de Ven). She has obtained the approval of all the above Councillors to the document.</p>
Details of any conflict of interests declared	None
Details of any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared	None

Signature of decision maker (if appropriate)

Signature redacted

Chief Executive