# Cabinet



Date of meeting:	09 March 2023
Title of Report:	Day Opportunities Contract Award
Lead Member:	Councillor Dr John Mahony (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care)
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# **Purpose of Report**

We are committed to continuing to provide support to our vulnerable clients within the city with Day Opportunities provision, to support and promote their independence and resilience and to achieve their assessed care and support needs.

198 Care Act eligible adult clients are receiving support through Day Opportunities services within the city. Day Opportunities services currently support 134 learning disability clients, 7 mental health clients, 53 physical support, 5 sensory support, 3 social support and 6 support with memory and cognition (as of 20/2/2023).

This paper provides an overview of the decision to direct award a new contract to the incumbent providers to allow for strategic review and remodelling of the services.

# **Recommendations and Reasons**

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1. Approve the direct award of a new contract to the incumbent Day Opportunities suppliers (10 contracts) for 2 years from 1st April 2023 until 31st March 2025 to enable strategic review and remodelling of the services;
- 2. Approve the development of a business case to describe the recommended approach and any associated procurement activity for the remodelled service.

# Alternative options considered and rejected

Cease the service – Day Opportunities is a core service that support clients to become more independent, reduces social isolation, improves health and wellbeing and supports carers to have a break from their caring responsibilities. Ceasing the service would likely increase the demand on other services such as Supporting Living services and place greater pressure on carers. The clients accessing these

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services are vulnerable and need consistent support to meet their identified outcomes and become more independent.

Competitively procure an interim short term 'as is' service to cover the period required for remodelling work – Time constraints mean that a new contract cannot be competitively sourced by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Also a potential change in service provider for the interim service and again when the remodelled service is procured within 2 years will be disruptive for service users and staff.

Competitively procure a longer term 'as is' service without remodelling – Day Opportunity services in Plymouth would continue with the same model for the foreseeable future. This would miss the opportunity to update and shape day opportunity services in Plymouth to best meet the needs of current and future service users.

# Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This proposal links to Caring for People and Communities in the Corporate Plan, with a focus on prevention and early intervention, achieving improved outcomes and opportunities for vulnerable people within the city. This also links to the Plymouth Plan, Supporting Adults with Health and Social Care Needs.

# Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

This proposal links to the development and redesign of future services, which will look to deliver efficiencies in service delivery and contract value.

#### **Financial Risks**

There are currently no financial risks as the service is included in the Strategic Commissioning budget. If the decision was to cease the service there could be a potential increase in costs within adult social care services i.e. supported living and an impact on the current waiting list for support.

# Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

The Day Opportunities Centres are based within the Plymouth city boundary and provide local services for eligible clients. The proposals would ensure that a local footprint of services remains and are put on a more sustainable basis for the future.

# Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

\* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

Day Opportunities centres within the city provide training and skills to promote clients to become more independent through gaining practical skills needed for living independent such as cooking, laundry. This gives clients the opportunity to get involved in social activities, and encourage them to participate in activities of their choice. The service also offers training and support to enable people to move into employment. There are wider benefits of the service in offering a place to build relationships outside of family and carers, thus reducing social isolation and loneliness.

The service actively promotes Health and Wellbeing such as promotion of oral hygiene.

#### Appendices

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# **Background papers:**

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