

# Cabinet

5 September 2024

## Approval to Tender for Day Opportunities for Older People and People with Dementia

### Recommendations

That Cabinet:

- 1) Authorises the Executive Director for Social Care and Health, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health, to commence a procurement process for the provision of Day Opportunities for Older People and People with Dementia by Warwickshire County Council as set out in this report.
- 2) Authorises the Executive Director for Social Care and Health to enter into all relevant contracts for the provision of Day Opportunities for Older People and People with Dementia on terms and conditions acceptable to the Executive Director for Resources.

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Day Opportunities for Older People (aged 65+) and People with Dementia (aged 18+) are building-based services that provide a range of benefits including:
  - Supporting Older People and People with Dementia to socialise and engage in meaningful activities.
  - Providing planned respite for informal carers.
  - Supporting Older People and People with Dementia to remain independent in the community for as long as appropriate and possible thus preventing/ reducing/ delaying the need for admissions to hospital and/or residential or nursing care.
  - Supporting Older People who are members of Global Ethnic Majority (GEM) communities to access specialist day provisions.
- 1.2 Warwickshire County Council hold separate contracts with providers for the delivery of Dementia Day Opportunities and Older People Day Opportunities (for older people without a diagnosis of dementia).
- 1.3 Following a Care Act assessment by Adult Social Care, Day Opportunities (dementia or older people) may be funded as part of an individual's support plan.

- 1.4 A block contract has been in place countywide since 2015 for the provision of Dementia Day Opportunities and is funded through the Improved Better Care Fund.
- 1.5 The Council hold spot contracts with providers for Day Opportunities for Older People without dementia. Day Opportunities for individual assessed customers are purchased through these spot contracts and are funded from Adult Social Care Budgets.
- 1.6 All Day Opportunities for Older People and People Living with Dementia are in scope for the recommissioning.
- 1.7 As these contracts are approaching their expiration date on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, Warwickshire County Council has reviewed the current model of commissioning to ensure that new contracts meet current need, principles, and objectives to serve Older People and People with Dementia in Warwickshire.
- 1.8 Service reviews undertaken in 2023-24 have been used to inform future service design which builds on existing provision and responds to identified gaps. It has been informed by engagement with service users, professionals, and stakeholders. The key messages from the review are:
  - That there is a continuing need for the services.
  - That a significant number of Adult Social Care customers would benefit from a Day Opportunity service that is able to deliver personal care.
  - That some of the Dementia Day Opportunities block contracts are underutilised.
- 1.9 The commissioners are taking these findings into account when developing detailed contracting proposals to be submitted for approval by the Executive Director for Social Care and Health, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health. Specifically, the current IBCF funded dementia block contracts would be retendered to ensure continuity of these services, with the new contracts seeking delivery centres that are conveniently located for service users to access, include the option of personal care, and are consequently better utilised. Older people day opportunities would continue to be purchased on a demand led basis, funded from ASC budgets but under a new framework arrangement.
- 1.10 The initial proposal would be to introduce a tiered framework with different levels of support. This would allow all Dementia and Older People Day Opportunities to be aligned in one place, with support options available with and without personal care which would address gaps in current commissioned provision.
- 1.11 Additionally, a block provision would be commissioned for Dementia Day Opportunities and will offer sessions both with and without personal care. This

would involve purchasing a pre-agreed number of Dementia Day Opportunities from a provider or providers at an agreed rate.

## **2. Financial Implications**

- 2.1 The current services are funded by the Improved Better Care funding (IBCF) and Adult Social Care base budget.
- 2.2 The Dementia Day Opportunities is funded by the IBCF. The 2024/25 allocation is £238,403 and is forecast to spend to budget.
- 2.3 The Older People Day Opportunities is funded by the Adult Social Care base budget. For 2024/25 the budget is £142,787 and is currently forecast to overspend by £73,834. The overspend includes dementia day opportunities with personal care which are estimated to be circa £60,000. A combination of savings achieved from the under-utilisation of the block contract together with the adoption of a framework approach (which would avoid more costly spot purchases) would allow the service to be delivered in budget in line with demand expected over the duration of the contract.
- 2.4 The Improved Better Care funding is announced and allocated on an annual basis in agreement with Health partners and this will be the planned source for future funding for the Dementia Day Opportunities. There is currently no committed funding identified for these services after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, although there is an assumption that Improved Better Care Fund funding will continue to be utilised. 3-month termination clauses will be built into contracts to manage the risk of changes to the Improved Better Care Fund funding arrangements.
- 2.5 The contract period will be for an initial period of 3 years, with options to extend for periods up to 24 months, subject to satisfactory performance by the provider.
- 2.6 Based on 2024-25 budgets the total value over this period would be £1,192,015 for the Dementia Day Opportunities (including personal care) and £713,935 for the Older People Day Opportunities contracts. This could vary dependent on any negotiations regarding inflation, annual funding agreement via the Improved Better Care Fund, and demand from Adult Social Care. The total expenditure over this period for the Older People Day Opportunities will be determined by demand throughout the contract duration. Therefore, this report is seeking Approval to Tender for total values of £1,905,950.
- 2.7 Inflation is to be considered as part of the annual provider inflationary award process.

### 3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1 There are some environmental implications arising from the need for customers to travel to services. Providers will be encouraged to deliver services in locations that minimise travel, mitigating the impact on the environment and aligning to Warwickshire County Council's Sustainable futures Strategy (2023) and Warwickshire's Local Transport Plan (LTP 4).
- 3.2 Providers will also be required to demonstrate general consideration of climate change issues and environmental implications in their delivery models.

### 4. Supporting Information.

- 4.1 Day Opportunities for Older People and People with Dementia directly support the Council's priorities to help Warwickshire residents to stay safe, and be healthy, independent, and engaged with their communities.
- 4.2 The procurement for the new services will be in line with the Coventry and Warwickshire Living Well with Dementia Strategy (2024-2029), which was approved by Cabinet in June 2022.

### 5. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

| Description                          | Dates*       |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Seek approval from Cabinet to tender | 05/09/2024   |
| Tender process commences             | 07/10/2024   |
| Award contract(s)                    | 30/11/2024   |
| Implementation                       | Jan-Mar 2025 |
| Service commencement                 | 01/04/2025   |

\*These dates may be subject to change

### Appendices

None

### Background Papers

None

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