



INDEPENDENT LIVING SCHEME EQUIPMENT UPGRADE

Report of Neighbourhood and Support Services Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT			
To request ICMD authorisation to award the contract to upgrade the telecom systems in the independent living schemes from analogue to digital			
Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key Decision	Referral from Cabinet Member
Date of notice of forthcoming key decision	15/11.22		
This report is public			

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That, via the NHC framework, Tunstall be appointed to deliver the replacement of the analogue telecare system through the Sheltered Support Grant Maintenance Reserve

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The works will be to install new digital telecare systems in place of the existing analogue telecare system which is due to be obsolete from 2025.
- 1.2 This work is reserve funded, paid for through tenants service charges and allows delivery of 24 hour alarm call services to this vulnerable tenant group.

2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 We need to ensure that we upgrade our telecare equipment across our Independent Living Schemes before it becomes obsolete. This is a planned upgrade which has become more urgent as we have had several scheme telecare systems which have been becoming less reliable and are reaching the end of life
- 2.2 In addition, replacement of this digital infrastructure will allow the housing service to provide modern and responsive services to tenants and also respond to innovation across the housing sector.

3.0 Details of Consultation

3.1 n/a

4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

	Option 1: award the contract	Option 2: do not award the contract
Advantages	To upgrade aging analogue systems. In addition continuity of supplier can be attained by awarding via the NHC framework	none
Disadvantages	none	Analogue telecare system will soon not be supported and will cease to work.
Risks	none	Tenants will not have telecare facility, tenants safety compromised.

5.0 Officer Preferred Option (and comments)

6.0 The officer preferred option, is option 1. Undertaking these works will ensure continuity in the telecare provision

7.0 Conclusion

7.1 The report requests that the Portfolio Holder approves the recommendation above. This is a key upgrade for the successful delivery of Independent Living services.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

This decision supports delivery of the Council Housing Service Improvement Plan

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, HR, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

No formal impact assessment carried out, however delivery of this project underpins service delivery for independent living tenants (over 60's, and vulnerable tenant groups). To not deliver this project would result in negative impact

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Should the recommendation be approved, Legal Services confirm that it will be appropriate for the Council to utilise the Framework agreement referred to in the report. Legal Services has reviewed the terms and conditions of the call off contract under this Framework and confirms that it does not contain any unusual or unduly onerous terms.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Housing Revenue Account revenue budget for 2022/23 includes an indicative provision

of £250K for digital upgrade of the alarm and monitoring equipment on Independent Living schemes, funded from the HRA Sheltered Support Grant Maintenance Reserve.

As the programme will now span two financial years, the actual cost will be incorporated into the 2022/23 Mid-year Reviewed Budget Position and 2023/24 estimates for the HRA. The HRA Sheltered Support Grant Maintenance Reserve balance as at 01 April 2022 was £626,693, is held for the purpose of replacing and maintaining this equipment and is sufficient to cover the total cost of this contract.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Human Resources:

n/a

Information Services:

n/a

Property:

n/a

Open Spaces:

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments to add.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments to add

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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