

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I118942
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1. **TITLE:** Supported Living Flexible Framework Award Decision

2. **SERVICE AREA:** People

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

When the Strategic Procurement Plan for the Supported Living Flexible Framework was presented to Executive, Executive were asked to: “delegate authority for the Supported Living Flexible Framework award decision to the Executive Director, People, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for ASCHH.” This was approved by Executive on 18th July.

The meeting on 5th March 2024 will be an opportunity for the Executive Director: People, and Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing to confirm the Supported Living Flexible Framework award decision.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Director: People, Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing

6. **DECISION:**

1) Approval is given to appoint successful Providers (details of the providers can be found in the Confidential Annex of this report) to the Independence Support and Supported Living Framework for an initial contract term of 3 years, commencing 1st June 2024. The Council may, at its discretion, extend the contract for a further 3 years (1+1+1 or multiples thereof). Individual packages of support will be “called off” the Framework in line with the Framework Protocol and Terms and Conditions.

2) It is noted that under the Contract Standing Orders, the Executive Director, People has the authority to permit extensions in accordance with the contract terms.

3) It is noted that, as set out in the Strategic Procurement Plan approved by the Executive, the approval to reopen the Framework during the term of the contract is delegated to the Executive Director, People to enable the council to meet ongoing demand.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

i. Supported Living enables adults with learning disabilities and autism to live in their own home (through a tenancy or ownership) with the support they need to maximise their independence, and to stay safe and well. Care and support services are provided, in accordance with the Care Act 2014, to meet the assessed needs of

individuals.

ii. The Care Act 2014 places a duty on Local Authorities to influence and manage the local Independence Support and Supported Living market effectively, to ensure

- a vibrant, sustainable, and diverse marketplace
- value for money
- range and choice of support for people with care and support needs

iii. The implementation of the Framework will ensure a compliant approach to contracting with the market. The Framework introduces a revised overarching specification with required standards and outcomes to be met and revised pricing structure. This will provide a consistent approach to contract monitoring and quality assurance, and facilitates a fair and transparent approach to pricing. The Framework will enable the Council to meet its statutory duties, ensuring appropriate oversight of service delivery and accountability of providers.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Alternative options have been considered and are detailed in the Strategic Procurement Plan.

9. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Executive Director: People

10. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
17 April 2024	25 April 2024