

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING
HELD AT 4:00PM, ON
MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

Cabinet Members Present: Councillor Mohammed Farooq (Chair), Councillor Howard, Councillor Elsey, Councillor Bisby, Councillor Saqib Farooq and Councillor Hiller.

Cabinet Advisors Present: Councillor John Fox and Councillor Harper.

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the Executive Director Children and Young People's Service.

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations interest.

56. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETINGS HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2023

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 13 November 2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

57. PETITIONS PRESENTED TO CABINET

There were no petitions presented to Cabinet.

STRATEGIC DECISIONS

58. EXTENSION OF THE LEARNING DISABILITY DAY OPPORTUNITIES CONTRACTS IN PETERBOROUGH

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the extension of the Learning Disability Day Opportunities Contracts in Peterborough.

The purpose of this report was for Cabinet approval to extend the Contracts for the Provision of Day Opportunities from 1st April 2024 until 31st March 2025.

The Cabinet Member for Adults and Health introduced the report and provided an overview of the key points which included:

- Day opportunities gave people the chance to learn new skills and take part in independent activities.
- As there had been a transition away from shared services, there had not been time to reprocure and a 12-month extension had been proposed to allow for a full contractual review.

Cabinet Members debated the report and in summary responses to questions raised included:

- There were no questions.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to:

Approve an extension to the following Agreements totalling £1,720,563, relating to provision of day opportunities for adults with learning disabilities from the 1st April 2024 until 31st March 2025 for the following Providers:

- Thera East Anglia (company number 05566295)
- THHG Limited trading as Helping Hands Group (company number 07359910)
- Sense, the National Deafblind and Rubella Association (company number 01825301)

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To ensure there is sufficient time to review day opportunities outcomes and co-produce a new model of service delivery with service users and allow the Council to continue to fulfil its duties under the Care Act 2014.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The options of do nothing, contract termination and tender the requirement were considered and not taken forward.

59. EXTRACARE HOUSING CONTRACT AWARD

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the Extra Care Housing award.

The Cabinet Member for Adults and Health introduced the report and provided an overview of the key points which included:

- The Extra Care Housing provided specialist housing support to older people to maximise independence.
- There were 3 schemes that had run out and new providers were required.

Cabinet Members debated the report and in summary responses to questions raised included:

- There were no questions.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to:

Approve the award of a care and support contract to Atlas Care Services Ltd, for three extra care schemes: The Pavilions, Friary Court and The Spinney; with an annual value of £1,711,454; to begin 1st April 2024 for a period of three years, with an option to extend, at the sole discretion of the Council for up to two years, with a total contract value of £8,557,270.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The incumbent provider was leaving the market and the contract for extra care is ending 31st March 2024. Therefore, the Council must award another provider of care in the three schemes to fulfil the duties outlined in the Care Act 2014.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The options considered included the removal of the quality threshold, a new procurement exercise and to do nothing. These options were not taken forward.

60. BUDGET CONSULTATION 2024/25 LAUNCH

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the Budget Consultation 2024/25 Launch.

The purpose of this report was to approve the launch of the Budget Consultation for 2024/2025.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Governance introduced the report and provided an overview of the key points.

- The consultation would provide an opportunity for residents and stakeholders to have their say on spending plans.
- There was a 6.2-million-pound gap in the budget.
- The demand for services continued to rise and the complexity of cases in children and adults' services had been a key pressure.
- There would be difficult decisions that need to be made but there would be investments in services for children and families.
- Growth and regeneration were high on the agenda and there would be increased efforts to attract new employers.
- The comments on the consultation would be considered by Cabinet and Joint Scrutiny in January 2024.

The Chief Executive advised that there would be engagement with all Councillors on the budget proposals.

Cabinet Members debated the report and in summary responses to questions raised included:

- There were no questions.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to approve the launch of the Budget Consultation 2024/25 from 4 December 2023, closing on 7 January 2024.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To seek Cabinet's approval to launch of the budget consultation 2024/25 on 4 December in order to receive feedback from residents, businesses and service users on the council's services and spending priorities.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

There were no alternative options considered.

Leader
4pm – 4.12pm
4 December 2023