
RECORD OF DECISION BY CABINET MEMBER

Decision taken by:

Lead Member for Well-being and Independence

Date of Decision:

26 August 2021

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Decision:

PROCUREMENT OF NEW EARLY INTERVENTION PROJECT
(HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION)

To agree to the commissioning of the Early Intervention Project
(homelessness prevention).

Purpose of Decision:

We want to commission a new early intervention project. This project will work to prevent homelessness from much earlier on, through identifying and engaging with people to prevent risk of homelessness, and through a programme of awareness raising. The project will be funded by the Denbighshire Housing Support Grant.

The decision is about whether we can commence with the procurement of this project (via an open tender process).

Reasons for Decision:

Early intervention must be a cornerstone of our approach to preventing homelessness. As captured in our Housing Support Grant Delivery Plan 2021/22, we want to develop our support offer around early intervention to prevent homelessness, so that we can identify and engage with people much earlier on to prevent any risk factors/problems from escalating. This focused early intervention project will be a key part of this work. We want this project to offer a robust early intervention model, which is assertive and proactive.

This will be a new service, and we will need to put the contract out to tender to identify the best provider/providers, based on quality and value for money.

Interests Declared:

None

Consultation:

The specification has been developed following extensive consultation, including a targeted stakeholder survey and engagement sessions over Microsoft Teams, and a survey open to the full public via the DCC engagement portal. Responses included feedback from citizens and a wide variety of other key stakeholders. A meet the buyer event also took place in July 2021.

Authority for delegation of the decision to the Cabinet Member:

See Scheme of Delegation.