

Officer Decision
Taken under the Scheme of Delegation

This decision has been taken in accordance with the county council's Scheme of Delegation to Officers, as set out in section 9 of the [Constitution](#).

Decision taken on behalf of the:	Director of Strategic & Integrated Commissioning
Officer taking the decision:	Kash Ahmed Director of Strategic & Integrated Commissioning, 01772 533191, kashif.ahmed@lancashire.gov.uk
Service Area:	Strategic Integrated Commissioning

Key Details

Money Management for Vulnerable Adults	
Decision Date:	19/07/2024
Part I or Part II:	Part I
Reason for Part II: (if applicable)	N/A
Divisions Affected:	All Divisions

The Decision

Background
<p>The Financial Safeguarding Team (FST) currently act as corporate appointee and deputy for people who receive services from LCC and lack capacity to manage their own finances. The team have reached capacity and have a growing waiting list of people requiring the service. In addition, LCC's Disability Service has a number of people who have no current arrangements in place to manage their finances.</p> <p>This presents a major safeguarding issue as people are unable to pay their rent, utilities and groceries. This has increased the use of temporary arrangements such as using petty cash in care homes, corporate credit cards and visits to food banks. Following discussion with Legal and Procurement it was agreed that a direct award could be made under Schedule 3 'Light Touch' procurement.</p> <p>The rationale for making a direct award is due to the ongoing and growing safeguarding issue of people being unable to access their finances. There are a few organisations who provide services for appointeeships or deputyships, but few can manage both. The decision was made to award the contract to Money Carer Foundation as a preferred provider, who provide a comprehensive service and are based in the North-west.</p> <p>The contract will either be to the value of £600,000 or 2 years, whichever happens first. The short-term arrangement will provide extra capacity and will allow for an</p>



options appraisal and procurement of a long-term solution for managing the finances of vulnerable adults. **The contract value would not be paid by LCC but is indicative of the total value of referrals we would send to the provider, paid from the benefits and savings of the people referred.**

	Yes	No
Is this a decision made under a specific delegation from Full Council, Cabinet or another committee?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If so, does this discharge the delegation in full?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did the delegation require you to consult with a Cabinet Member(s) or specific officer(s) prior to taking the decision?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If so, specify the names of the Cabinet Member(s)/officer(s) you have consulted with:

Kirsty Harrison – Category Manager, Procurement
 Katie Seed – Senior Category Manager
 Paul Fairclough – Head of Service, Procurement
 Ross Hudson – Senior Lawyer
 Usman Ibrahim – Solicitor

The Decision



Kashif Ahmed, Director of Strategic & Integrated Commissioning, took a decision to approve the direct award of the contract, to the value of £600,000, to Moneycarer Foundation to manage the finances of vulnerable adults in Lancashire.

Were any other options considered and, if so, what were they and why were they discounted?

Expansion of the Financial Safeguarding Team:

- concerns about the budget to expand this team and whether the service would be cost neutral
- Concerns about timescales for employment and success at appointing to the required posts

Background Papers



 Money Management for Vulnerable Adults Appointees - Deputyships 20231111

Declaration



		Yes	N/A
In taking this decision, I confirm that I have taken into consideration and kept a record of all relevant advice from the following services: Legal Procurement Financial Safeguarding Team LCC Disability Service		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Where appropriate, consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member(s) has been completed.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Where appropriate and where the decision impacts on a particular locality, the relevant councillor(s) for the electoral division(s) have been consulted.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Officer taking the decision:	Kashif Ahmed		

