

**To:** Cabinet  
**Date:** 15 December 2021  
**Report of:** Executive Director of Communities and People  
**Title of Report:** County-Wide Homelessness Budget and Contract

<b>Summary and recommendations</b>	
<b>Purpose of report:</b>	To seek approval from Cabinet to amend the financial and contractual commitment by Oxford City Council to the county-wide pooled budget arrangement, relating to the provision of homelessness services.
<b>Key decision:</b>	No
<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	Cabinet Member for Affordable Housing and Housing the Homeless
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Thriving Communities.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2018-2021
<b>Recommendations:</b> That Cabinet resolves to:	
1.	Amend and approve Oxford City Council's commitment to the pooled budget arrangement and linked contract from 5 years plus 2 years to <b>five years plus three years.</b>

<b>Appendices</b>	
Appendix 1	Risk Register

## **Introduction and background**

1. This report seeks to amend the approval sought in a report to Cabinet in June 2021, relating to Oxford City Council's commitments to the county-wide pooled budget arrangement. Therefore, this report should be read in conjunction with this previous report to Cabinet.
2. Oxford City Council worked in partnership with Oxfordshire County Council to lead a commissioning process for a future revised pooled budget arrangement, relating to the recommissioning of homelessness services for adults. The lead commissioner was Oxfordshire County Council and the commitment and

arrangements are being formalised in a Partnership Agreement between the two parties (as well as the other partners subject to the pooled arrangement).

3. This process has led to the appointment of an alliance of providers.
4. The funding for this commissioning is multi-year and pooled in nature. The initial contract length will be for five years with the option to extend for a further **three** years.
5. This report specifically seeks approval for this extended length of contract, amending the previous approval for five years plus two year which was an error.
6. Based on these principles, the City will make an annual contribution of £1.9m to the pooled budget. This is made up of £968,580 from the City Council's base budget and £942,819 from RSI funding.
7. Cabinet are asked to note and approve the commitment of the above base budget finances to the pooled arrangements over a 5 year period, starting from April 2022, noting that it extends beyond the current MTFs, at a cost of £968,580 per annum and therefore a total of £4,842,900 over a 5 year period.

### **Financial implications**

8. Note here the financial implications as described in paragraphs 6 and 7 required to fund the pooled arrangement over a 5 year period, in line with the current MTFs but extends beyond by one year, as per the previous report to Cabinet in June.
9. Note the further financial implications as described in paragraphs 4 and 5, if there is agreement to extend the contract by a further 3 years.

### **Legal issues**

10. That this report seeks to amend the previous Cabinet report in terms of length of contract.
11. All other legal implications remain the same.

### **Level of risk**

12. The previous Risk Register is attached in Appendix 1

### **Equalities impact**

13. The commissioned services will be subject to monitoring of its performance and impact on individuals including matters of equality and diversity.

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**Background Papers:** None



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