



Decision maker:	Karen Fuller, Director of Adult Social Care
Decision title:	Contract award for advice service to Age UK Oxfordshire
Decision date:	16 October 2024
Source of delegation:	Cabinet Member decision on 27 February 2024 Decisions Tuesday 27-Feb-2024 09.00 Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care.pdf (oxfordshire.gov.uk)
What decision was made?	To award and enter into a contract for advice service for adults in Oxfordshire to Age UK Oxfordshire following the conclusion of a procurement exercise. Contract will commence on 1 November 2024 (contract value £363,998pa).
Purpose:	Awarding a contract to Age UK Oxfordshire will support people to maximise income addressing underlying issues and health inequalities and take a prevention approach to increase the wellbeing of people using the service.
Reasons:	Age UK Oxfordshire were the successful tenderer following a competitive procurement exercise. Advice services can be crucial to support households to access the support they need to maximise income and manage debts and in turn help to reduce some of the stresses associated with financial worries. Financially stable households are less likely to require specialist Adult Social Care and other services and are more able to cope with health and/or social care difficulties as they arise.
Other options considered:	Option 1: Do nothing and allow the current contract and grants to end on 31 October 2024. Option 2: Bring service in-house

	<p>when current contract and grants finish on 31 October 2024. These options were ruled out as there is high demand for an advice service, and the resources/expertise are not available in-house.</p>
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