

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULTS

MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday, 14 July 2026 commencing at 9.00 am and finishing at 9:18 am

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Rebekah Fletcher – in the Chair

Other Members Attended: Councillor James Robertshaw (Shadow Cabinet Member)

Officers: Bhavna Taank (Head of Joint Commissioning), Sharon Paterson, (Strategic Commissioner), Isabel Rockingham (Head of Joint Commissioning), Mohamed Cassimjee (Democratic Services Officer)

The Cabinet Member considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and agreed as set out below. Copies of the agenda and reports are attached to the signed Minutes.

34/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Agenda No. 1/25)

There were none declared.

35/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(Agenda No. 2/25)

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2026 were confirmed by the Chair as a correct record subject to the change of date on page 9 to 16 June 2026

36/25 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

(Agenda No. 3/25)

There were none received.

37/25 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda No. 4/25)

There were no requests.

38/25 BANBURY CROSS SUPPORTED LIVING CONTRACT

(Agenda No. 5/25)

The Cabinet Member considered a report on a block of flats one of which in the Banbury Cross development would support Oxfordshire's local offer to support people with a learning disability and/or autism with social, psychological and behavioural challenges and who were most at risk of admission under the Mental

Health Act. The second block of flats would offer support needed for people with a learning disability for general support needs, who need a self-contained space and their own front door.

The Council is required to commission the supported living contract which would provide support to people living in Banbury Cross to whom the Council owes a duty under the Care Act 2014 and / or under Section 117 MHA 1983.

The Council would commission the supported living contract by tender using the existing Live Well Supported Services Framework (Lot 2) to procure a 10-year supported living contract. The new contract will start in January 2027.

Resolved to :

- a) Agree to tender a supported living contract via a mini competition through the Live Well Supported Services Framework Lot 2 to deliver support at 14 flats at the Banbury Cross development.
- b) To delegate authority to the Director of Adult Social Services to enter such contract following the completion of the procurement process to award the contract.

39/25 LEARNING DISABILITY AND AUTISM SUPPORTED LIVING FURTHER CONTRACT EXTENSION AND REPLACEMENT CONTRACT PROCUREMENT
(Agenda No. 6/25)

The Cabinet Member considered a report which indicated that a further 44-day extension was now required from 14 September 2026 to 27 October 2026, also valued at £928,064.34, to provide sufficient time to recommence and complete a further tender process for HOWDAB2 Supported Living contracts Lot 4, Lot 8 and Lot 9 and mobilisation arrangements.

The proposed extension would enable the HOWDAB2 Supported Living contracts Lot 1 and Lot 2 to be mobilised and transferred at the same time as the replacement contracts for Lot 4, Lot 8 and Lot 9. Aligning the mobilisation and transfer arrangements across the current Brandon Trust contracts would support a coordinated transition and help avoid unnecessary disruption and confusion for people who receive support, their families and staff.

The extension was necessary to ensure continued and consistent support for people with a learning disability and/or autism while a new procurement process was undertaken.

RESOLVED to:

- a) Agree that the Council extend the HOWDAB2 Supported Living contracts Lot 1, 2, 4, 8 and 9 currently delivered by Brandon Trust. The extension will be for a further 44 days, from 14 September 2026 to 27 October 2026. This will maintain continuity of support while the Council

undertakes a further tender process for Lot 4, Lot 8 and Lot 9 following the outcome of the previous procurement exercise. The extension for Lots 1 and 2 will allow mobilisation and contract start dates to be aligned with the Lot 4, 8 and 9 replacement contracts, without requiring a further tender process for those lots.

- b) Note that the Director of Adult Social Care has already approved a 44-day extension from 1 August 2026 to 13 September 2026 under delegated decision arrangements. This was to allow additional time for the procurement process for HOWDAB2 Supported Living contracts Lot 1, 2, 4, 8 and 9 and full mobilisation of the replacement contracts.

40/25 EXTRA CARE HOUSING RETENDER

(Agenda No. 7/25)

This item was held in a private session.

The recommendations in the report were approved

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