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| Service Delivery Committee | Tuesday, 07 September 2021 | Matter for Decision |
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Report Title: **Extension of Delegation and Collaboration Agreement in relation to the Lightbulb Programme**

Report Author(s): **Adrian Thorpe (Head of The Built Environment)**

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| Purpose of Report: | To seek a two year extension to the existing Delegation and Collaboration Agreement in relation to the Lightbulb Programme. |
| Report Summary: | The report proposes that the existing three year Delegation and Collaboration Agreement in relation to the Lightbulb Programme which currently runs until 31 st March 2022 is extended by two years to 31 st March 2024 for the reasons outlined in the report. |
| Recommendation(s): | That the existing Delegation and Collaboration Agreement in relation to the Lightbulb Programme be extended by two years to 31st March 2024. |
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| Corporate Objectives: | Building, Protecting and Empowering Communities (CO1) Providing Excellent Services (CO3) Click to select corporate objective. |
| Vision and Values: | "A Stronger Borough Together" (Vision) Accountability (V1) Respect (V2) Teamwork (V3) Innovation (V4) Customer Focus (V5) |
| Report Implications:- | |
| Legal: | There are no legal implications arising from the proposed extension. |
| Financial: | There are no financial implications arising from the proposed extension. |
| Corporate Risk Management: | Decreasing Financial Resources / Increasing Financial Pressures (CR1) Reputation Damage (CR4) Organisational / Transformational Change (CR8) |
| Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA): | There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable |
| Human Rights: | There are no implications arising from this report. |

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| Health and Safety: | There are no implications arising from this report. |
| Statutory Officers' Comments:- | |
| Head of Paid Service: | The report is satisfactory. |
| Chief Finance Officer: | The report is satisfactory. |
| Monitoring Officer: | The report is satisfactory. |
| Consultees: | None. |
| Background Papers: | None. |
| Appendices: | None. |

1. Background

- 1.1 On 22nd July 2019 the Council signed the current Delegation and Collaboration Agreement in relation to the Lightbulb Programme. This was for a period of three years covering the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2022. This agreement superseded the original agreement that was signed when Lightbulb first became fully operational in October 2017.
- 1.2 The agreement sets out that the Lightbulb service delivers the following functions:
- Assessment and ordering of minor adaptations and equipment
 - Assessment and delivery of Disabled Facilities Grant
 - Assessment and resolution of wider practical housing support needs
 - Support with housing related and wellbeing needs
 - Support with planning for future housing needs
 - Advice, information and signposting to specialist organisations.
- 1.3 Representatives of the Lightbulb service attended the previous meeting of Service Delivery Committee and gave an update of the Partnership's work in relation to Oadby and Wigston. The Council Performance Update report which is also on the Agenda for this meeting provides the Lightbulb Quarter 1 update and reflects the outcomes of the discussion at the previous meeting of this Committee.

2. Extension of the Delegation and Collaboration Agreement in relation to the Lightbulb Programme

- 2.1 It is proposed that the existing three year Delegation and Collaboration Agreement in relation to the Lightbulb Programme which currently runs until 31st March 2022 is extended by two years to 31st March 2024 for the reasons outlined below:
- To bring the term of the Agreement of each of the other partners in line with that of Charnwood Borough Council's existing Agreement which is already for a period of 5 years up until 31st March 2024
 - 2020/21 and the first part of 2021/22 have not been 'normal' years for the Lightbulb service due to the Covid 19 pandemic and therefore this does not provide a basis on which to build a firm business case on which to base a subsequent Agreement at this moment in time.
 - A number of new Lightbulb services are currently being brought into effect such as the Hoarding Project and Dementia Care Programme and a two year extension will give these services time to bed in before they are built into the

business case relating to a subsequent agreement.

- 2.2 This request has been put to all local authorities within the Lightbulb Partnership (with the exception of Charnwood Borough Council which already has an agreement in place up until 31st March 2024).