

To: HOUSING AND SOCIAL WORK SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES EXTENSION OF FUNDING	
From: HEAD OF HOUSING SERVICES			
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1. Purpose of Report / Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek committee approval for the extension until 31 March 2010 of three contracts for the provision of housing support to vulnerable people who are homeless.

2. Background

- 2.1. In 2004 the former Housing and Technical Services Committee approved the selection of voluntary sector organisations to work in partnership with North Lanarkshire Council for a three year period in order to provide housing support services to vulnerable people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
- 2.2. In August 2008 the Housing & Social Work Committee agreed to extend until September 2009 the contracts of the following services to vulnerable people who are homeless.

Provider	Project
Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH)	Bridgework Project
Blue Triangle (Glasgow) Housing Association (BTHA)	Houldsworth Court Project
Blue Triangle (Glasgow) Housing Association (BTHA)	Muirhead Project

- 2.3. Following Committee approval of the Temporary Accommodation Strategy in December 2008, a thorough review is underway of all externally provided projects delivering accommodation and support.

3. Proposals / Considerations

- 3.1. It is proposed to extend the contracts for all three services from September 2009 until 31 March 2010.
- 3.2. This six month extension will provide the lead-in time required for the re-provisioning or re-tendering of services on three year contracts.
- 3.3. The total annual contract values for the three services in 2009/10 are:

Project	Housing Support Funding	Funding from rents
Bridgework Project	£127,900	£62,100
Houldsworth Court Project	£129,900	£62,100
Muirhead Project	£106,708	£62,100

4. Financial / Personnel / Legal / Policy Implications

- 4.1 Supporting People grant has been rolled up into the financial settlement for each local authority from 2008/09. Funding is available within the current housing support budgets. There are no additional financial costs to the Council.
- 4.2 There are no other direct financial, personnel legal or policy implications for the Council arising from this report.

5. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) approve the proposals to extend the contracts as outlined in 3.1.
- (ii) note that any re-tendering and/or re-provisioning of these services will be the subject of a future committee report.



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Date 30 January 2009

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