

**Somerset Council MTFP 2024/25 - 2028/29
Savings Proposal**



Title of savings proposal	Key Ring Service
Reference Number	ADS010

Executive Directorate	Adult Services
Service Directorate	ASC Commissioning
Service	Adults and Health

Lead member	CLlr Bill Revans - Adult Social Care
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Cost centre name	
Cost centre code	

Overview of proposal

Description of savings proposal (alteration for new line)

Cessation of annual contract with the charity KeyRing.

Their main focus is to support vulnerable adults to live independently. This is done by assisting their integration into a community as well as teaching them skills that promote self-support.

KeyRing focus on connection, flexible support and skill-building.

What will the saving achieve? (alt+return for new line)

Annual contract cost of £33,000

Type of saving	Non-LGR - Contract
Which of the 17 key areas does the saving cover?	Adult Services
Is this saving once-off or ongoing?	Ongoing
Does this impact on either the Council's priorities or another service?	Yes
Are there any policy change requirements? If yes, please provide further information below.	No

Benefits of the proposal

Tangible Benefits - savings/income £ (pro-rata for part year)		Intangible benefits (e.g. cost avoidance)
2023/24 (in-year)	£0	
2024/25	£27,500	
2025/26	£5,500	

Delivering the proposal

Describe the high level milestones for delivery, including timescales and target delivery date for the saving.

The contract was implemented in 2014 and has been informally rolling since the contract end date (in 2022). Contract breach paperwork is currently being processed for this financial year. Contract terms indicate 6 months' notice is required to end the contract. Notice to be issued by 1 December 2023, savings to be achieved from 1 June 2024.

What activity is needed to achieve the saving?

Terminating the contract.

What are the financial resources required?

Officer time and 6 months notice period of contract costs.

Are there any limitations or constraints?

Contract terms and conditions indicate 6 months' notice to terminate.

What is the anticipated impact on service delivery to residents or business?

Moving to a new provider or removing the support permanently would reduce the opportunities for the people supported to live independently and access the community. Some of these support relationships may have been in place for a decade and operate in a flexible manner, responding to needs. There would be an impact on adult social care operations colleagues needing to review the current needs of people supported via the current service and alternative appropriate support sourced.

In return for 14 providing hours of flexible support for network members across the week, the 'network volunteer' is provided with accommodation. They are paid for some additional hours too and therefore if the contract ended, they would be made redundant and would also need to find new accommodation.

Please note that an equalities impact assessment is required for all proposals.

Other implications

Impact	Number or description
Staffing impact (#s)	1
Redundancy or vacancy?	Redundancy
Legal impact	As this proposal relates to a service reduction or change, those likely to be affected or impacted by it may seek permission to challenge it by way of judicial review. Grounds for challenge include:
Insurance or other impact	None
Equalities impact	As identified within the appended Equality Impact Assessment.

Please ensure that you have consulted HR and your Finance Business Partner regarding any staffing savings.

Risks

What is the risk status of the proposal?	Low
What are the risks associated with this proposal?	The removal of this service by not renewing the contract would risk the 13 individuals currently being supported losing independent living skills and not being able to access their communities. KeyRing have identified that at least 4 people currently supported will, in their view, require a Care Act assessment, and there is therefore a risk that the cumulative costs of meeting care needs identified may exceed the savings from terminating this contract. Three further individuals have been identified as requiring support to manage their tenancies.
Are there mitigations or actions that if implemented can reduce those risks?	
Following a review of the individuals' care and support needs, possible alternative community based provision could be sourced.	

Please send your completed form to your Finance Business Partner for sign-off and submission of request.