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26th April 2022

Dear Councillor Honeywood,

Re: FUNDING FOR AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST WORKING IN THE HOUSING SERVICE

For the past year and following a decision taken in May 2021 we have had an Occupational Therapist employed by Essex County Council deployed to work in our housing service for one day per week.

This year-long pilot sought to improve the working relationship with ECC, bring additional knowledge into our adaptations and housing allocations teams and provide a more joined up service to those applying for adaptations to their homes. A particular aim was to increase our spending of the Better Care Fund Disabled Facilities Grant allocation.

The pilot has proved to be a success from the perspective of both our teams and ECC. As such we would like to continue with the arrangement that was funded directly from our Better Care Fund allocation.

ECC have proposed a three year arrangement in order to give certainty to the staff member and this has also been proposed where other similar arrangements are in place elsewhere in Essex.

The proposal will have an annual cost to TDC of £16,411.26 or £49,233.79 over the three years. It is proposed to fund the arrangement from the Better Care Fund Allocation and as such it will not present any cost pressures to the Council.

I would be pleased to receive your written concurrence to the funding of this arrangement from the Better Care Fund allocation and request that you please sign and return the attached copy of this letter. I will separately publish an Officer Decision having consulted with you over the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Clarke
Assistant Director – Housing & Environment

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TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Re: ECC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST IN HOUSING

I refer to your letter dated 26th April 2022 concerning the action you propose to take under the Powers delegated to you in respect of a decision to enter into an agreement with Essex County Council for the services of an Occupational Therapist working in Housing for three years.

Amount : £49,233.79 over three years to be funding from the Council's Better Care Fund allocation

*** I concur/~~do not Concur~~ with the action you propose.**

Additional comments (if any):



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Councillor Paul Honeywood.
Housing Portfolio Holder.

Dated 26th April 2022