



DELEGATED DECISION BY PORTFOLIO HOLDER

19 SEPTEMBER 2017

REPORT TITLE	Re-Commission of Early Intervention & Prevention Contract.
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RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER	Councillor Christine Jones

REPORT SUMMARY

An integrated commissioning exercise with Wirral Council (Children's, Public Health and Adults Social Care) and Wirral CCG are looking to directly award the Early Intervention and Prevention Support for Vulnerable People/Young People and Carers (Adults and Young Carers) contract to the Wirral Health and Wellbeing Community Interest Company (CIC) - one entity that can deliver the broad services whilst sustaining the volunteer base as required by commissioners under Regulation 32 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- To agree to move to award of contract for the Early Intervention and Prevention Support for Vulnerable People/Young People and Carers (Adult and Young Carers)
- To sign to formally approve the award of contract to Wirral Health and Wellbeing Community Interest Company (CIC) as the provider of the Early Intervention and Prevention Support for Vulnerable People/Young People and Carers (Adult and Young Carers)

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

To be able to move to award of contract for the Early Intervention and Prevention Support for Vulnerable People/Young People and Carers (Adult and Young Carers), stabilising and enhancing the volunteer base in Wirral and adding significant Social Value.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

A full commissioning exercise was considered but it was decided through consultation with the market that this would potentially have negative implications for the local 3rd sector in Wirral – destabilising and threatening the volunteer base that exists. An alternative was sought in the form of commissioning with a single entity that would stabilise and enhance the volunteer base within Wirral and provide considerable Social Value.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Adult Early Intervention and Prevention service commissioned by the Department of Adult Social Services in April 2014 were due for recommissioning in April 2017. The contracts were extended until the 30th September 2017 while consideration was given to the appropriate way forward. Consultation and engagement events took place during June 2016 with Providers and Users as to the future needs of the services. The sector indicated that they believed a more co-ordinated local approach would add value and the commissioners agreed.

Through consultation with stakeholders and driven by the integration agenda and the integrated commissioning model across Wirral Council and Wirral CCG it was ascertained that Children's, Public Health and The Wirral CCG had similar service needs and it would be advantageous to investigate a joint commissioning exercise. The joint commissioning activity was discussed with Legal and Procurement and was worked up into proposals that were taken to Senior Leadership Teams of the Stakeholders in the Autumn of 2016. The Joint Commissioning Team sought to deliver a single local entity that could deliver a range of services included in the specification.

The services included in the final specification are:

- *Adult General Support and Opportunities for Vulnerable People*
- *Adult Day Opportunities for People with Eligible Needs (Not including Learning Disabilities)*
- *Shopmobility*
- *Long Term Conditions Programme*
- *Adult Carers and Wellbeing Support*
- *Young Carers Services*
- *Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND)*
- *Advocacy and Independent Visitor (A&IV) for Children Looked After and Children subject to a Child Protection Plan*

Research was undertaken to ascertain the most beneficial model for Wirral. It became apparent that several other authorities have procured with locally created entities with success. During this process the incumbent providers created their own CIC in preparation for a wider commissioning exercise. The result of the commissioning exercise has resulted in Wirral Council and Wirral CCG approaching this Community Interest Company (CIC), made up of Local 3rd Sector incumbent providers, called the Wirral Health and Wellbeing CIC as the sole entity to deliver against the outcomes outlined in the specification under the European Procurement Rules Regulation 32 (See Section 5.0) on our behalf.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The contract value per annum for three years is £1,822,000, no year on reductions have been included as targets and KPI's will include year on year increases in activity through the CIC identifying economies of scale within the partnership. The breakdown of the services costs annually for a period of three years is as follows:

	Funding per year for three years 2017 – 2020
Children's Young Carers £130k Advocacy & Independent Visitor for LAC £90k SEND £110K	£330,000
Carers Health and Wellbeing Carers Grant - £90k Carers Practical Support Carers Info and Advice Carers Connectors Carer Dementia support	£345,000
Day Support and Opportunities for People with Eligible Needs Assessed eligible chargeable Day Care for Frail, EMI, EOD inc. Band 5 Nurse across whole service - £385k	£ 385,000
General Support and Opportunities for Vulnerable People General Support to include ICCH's /Gateway 3 rd Sector Community Connectors, General Support, Active Day Care, Falls Army, Home Service (Hospital Discharge and Avoidance, Home of Choice and Support for the Discharge Lounge) £654k Breeze £72k Shopmobility £36k	£762,000
Anticipated total funding	£1,822,000

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Notice has been served on the incumbent providers contracts and they have agreed to provide the services until the end of September 2017.

The Wirral Contract procedure rules have been followed by Commissioners, Procurement and Legal to ensure that all legal requirements have been adhered to for audit purposes. As the department advise there is only one entity that can deliver the broad services whilst sustaining the volunteer base as required by commissioners Regulation 32 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 allows direct award.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

As the successful CIC is made up of the current incumbent providers there are no additional IT, staff or asset implications.

Wirral Council will provide contract management support and ongoing monitoring of the service.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

If award of contract is not approved there is a risk that if the services had to go out to a full tender process that the local voluntary sector volunteer base would be at risk if the tender was won by an outside organisation.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Engagement and consultation events were undertaken in June 2016 with Providers and Service Users. Engagement with Partners was undertaken in September 2016 resulting in the proposed joint commission.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

Yes - there are no negative impacts on the 9 protected groups.

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SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date