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<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>OUTCOME OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH RE-COMMISSIONING PROCESS FOR A SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION, RELATIONSHIPS AND WELLBEING SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: CONSULTANT IN PUBLIC HEALTH</b>

## **REPORT SUMMARY**

On the 19th of November 2020, the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee authorised the Director of Public Health to recommission a range of services. Given the nature of this service, it was agreed that this should be formally authorised by the Children, Young People and Education Committee, which took place on the 1st of December 2020. This report provides an update on the recommissioning process and outcome.

The process has concluded, the tenders received have been fully evaluated according to Council procurement rules and the Director of Public Health will take the decision to award the contract to the successful bidder.

The proposed actions affect all Wards within the borough and the decisions requested are key decisions.

Appendix 1 confirms the details of the tender evaluation outcome and is exempt from the open part of the public report by virtue of paragraph (3) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

The Director of Public Health is recommended to accept the winning tender for the Sexual Health Education, Relationships and Wellbeing Service for Young People which has been submitted and evaluated in accordance with Wirral Council Contract Procedure rules and approve the award of a one-year contract (with the option to extend for one year and a maximum value of £271,200) commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1.1 The current service contract is due to end on the 31st of August 2021. A procurement exercise has been completed in accordance with Council Contract Procedure Rules and the successful bidder is the most economically advantageous, is fully compliant and is within allocated budget provision. The new contract will be in place by the 1st of September 2021.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 Support provided via this contract is meeting identified needs of children and young people in relation to sexual health education, relationships and wellbeing so it was not considered an option not to re-commission the service, particularly in view of the current concerns for young people's health as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The short-term contract period proposed for this service is being replicated across a range of services for children and young people to enable the development of a collaborative and joint commissioning approach across the local health and care system to provide improved outcomes for children and young people.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Service tender documents were posted onto the Chest (the council e-procurement portal) on the 23rd of April 2021. The closing date for tender submissions was 27th May 2021. The contract term is 1 year with the option for a further one-year extension and has a maximum value of £271,200.
- 3.2 It is anticipated that the new contract will be operational by the 1st of September 2021. The current contract for this service will continue during the re-commissioning process so that there is no loss of service to local people.
- 3.3 It has been necessary to re-commission this service to comply with Public Contract Regulations and Wirral Council Contract Procedure Rules. The supplier selection process has been conducted in accordance with The Public Contract Regulations 2015 and Wirral Council Contract Procedure Rules.
- 3.4 The specification for the retendered service was based on insight with local people and stakeholders, identified need as referenced by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and evidence-based practice. This has provided an opportunity to re-consider funding and delivery models, enabling the release of cost savings and the refocusing of service delivery considering current developments and the healthcare needs of service users.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The value of the Public Health grant for 2021/2022 is £30.1m from which the value of this service has been allocated.

## **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 It is necessary to ensure the proposed procurement complies with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and Wirral Council Contract Procedure rules.

## **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS**

6.1 Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE) is applicable.

## **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

7.1 In the context of the current challenging financial climate, the impact of any future reductions in budget or policy implications on the amount of funding available for Public Health activity and services is unknown. The value and availability of the Public Health grant for 2021/2022 is £30.1m. It is important to acknowledge that the council will need to review all financial allocations to achieve a balanced budget over the next few years. The Public Health department has and maintains a five-year financial plan to provide assurance that the projected funding is in place for the commissions that it makes. This contract period is within this timeframe.

## **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

8.1 This commission incorporated findings from a range of previously completed consultations/insight work, including the Youth Offer Review completed during 2019 by the Children and Young People's Department and the 'Moonshot' insight work previously completed by a range of partners with children, young people, and families.

## **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 The Equality Impact Assessment for this commission can be found at - <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments>

9.2 The commissioned services will be compliant with the Public Sector Equality Duty as contained in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

## **10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 The recommissioning process presented an opportunity to encourage suppliers to consider their policies and practices with respect to environment and climate issues. The content and/or recommendations contained within this report are expected to have no direct impact on emissions of carbon dioxide.

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## **APPENDICES**

### **Appendix 1 (exempt from public report)**

By virtue of paragraph (3) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Corporate Procurement Invitation to Tender (ITT) Scope and Contract Specification for the supply of a sexual health education, relationships and wellbeing service for young people.

## **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
Adult Social Care and Health Committee (included in overarching Public Health re-commissions paper)	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Children, Young People and Education Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2020