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<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>OUTCOME OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH RE-COMMISSIONING PROCESS FOR AN ETHNIC MINORITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND INEQUALITIES PROGRAMME</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: CONSULTANT IN PUBLIC HEALTH</b>

## **REPORT SUMMARY**

On the 19th November 2020, the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee authorised the Director of Public Health to recommission a range of services. This report provides an update on the recommissioning process and outcome for the Ethnic Minority Health Improvement and Inequalities Programme. The contract term has a maximum value of £261,250.00 and is a three year contract with the option to extend for one year plus a further year.

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, due to being commercially sensitive.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

The Director of Public Health is recommended to accept the winning tender for the Ethnic Minority Health Improvement and Inequalities Programme which has been submitted and evaluated in accordance with Wirral Council Contract Procedure rules and approve the award of a three-year contract (with the option to extend for one year plus a further year) commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021. The contract term has a maximum value of £261,250.00.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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

- 1.1 The current service contract is due to end on the 30th September 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 October 2021.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 The decision to not re-commission the service was considered, however local insight work with ethnic minority leaders and the Public Health England Report - Beyond the Data: Understanding the Impact of Covid-19 on BAME groups (2020) evidenced how ethnic minority communities have been disproportionately impacted by Covid. Therefore, the need to have a service to accommodate and respond to those needs was deemed essential.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Service tender documents were posted onto the Chest (the council e-procurement portal) on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The closing date for tender submissions was the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2021. The contract term is 3 years with the option for two further one-year extensions and has a maximum value of £ 261,250.00.
- 3.2 It is anticipated that the new contract will be operational from the 1st October 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 gathered with key leaders from local ethnic minority communities. This has provided an opportunity to re-consider current delivery models, enabling the refocusing of service delivery considering current developments and the socio-economic impact of covid on local communities.

### **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 not 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 insight work, including research conducted with local Ethnic Minority communities in 2019 by Revealing Reality and more recently the Black and Minority Ethnic thematic group which was established in April 2020 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

## **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 Equality Impact Assessment 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 an Ethnic Minority Health Improvement and Inequalities Programme.

Wirral Council Contract Procedure rules

Public Contract Regulations 2015

## **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