

OFFICER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

KEY DECISION : NO

DIRECTORATE: ADULT CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

SUBJECT: HELP OUT SERVICE

1.0 DECISION:

- 1.1 The Director of Public Health has decided to make a direct award of a contract with an 11 month term to Involve Northwest for the increase of employment support and improvement of health outcomes, through delivery of the Help Out service.

2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1 The Help Out service has been in operation for nine months, having initially been appointed through a direct award, and has successfully engaged with 245 individuals. The service has proven that in conjunction with the Worklessness Support Service, job outcomes and health and wellbeing outcomes for individuals are significantly improved. Through engagement with the service the number of people moving into employment has increased by 10% with 50% of individuals sustaining employment at six months. Extended provision of the service for a further eleven months at a reduced financial envelope aligns contract end points and allows for options to be explored regarding the merging of the two contracts when the Wirral Worklessness contract expires on 31st March 2024. This programme is designed to engage eligible workless young people and adults and support their progression into education, employment, and training via a suite of flexible, tailored employment support services.
- 2.2 The previous knowledge and experience held by Involve North makes the engagement of any other party unsound due to the time which it would take to develop the operational foundation from which to deliver the required outcomes. The basis for making a time and value limited award without competition is therefore robust in these circumstances.

3.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The decision was made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure.

They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The decision reflects the core principles of good governance set out in the council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None



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