

## JOINT STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING BOARD Outcomes of Public Health Re-commissioning

<b>Risk</b> Please indicate	High	<i>Medium Y</i>	Low
<b>Detail of Risk Description</b>	Please refer to section 5		

<b>Engagement taken place</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Public involvement taken place</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Equality Analysis/Impact Assessment completed</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Quality Impact Assessment</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Strategic Themes</b>	
<b><i>Working as One, Acting as One</i></b> – we will work together with all partners for the benefit of the people of Wirral.	<b>Y</b>
<b><i>Listening to the views of local people</i></b> – we are committed to working with local people to shape the health and care in Wirral.	<b>Y</b>
<b><i>Improving the health of local communities and people</i></b> – Wirral has many diverse communities and needs. We recognise this diversity and will help people live healthier lives, wherever they live.	<b>Y</b>
<b><i>Caring for local people in the longer term</i></b> – we will focus on having high quality and safe services, with the best staff to support the future as well as the present.	<b>Y</b>
<b><i>Getting the most out of what we have to spend</i></b> – we will always seek to get the best value out of the money we receive.	<b>Y</b>

## JOINT STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING BOARD

(Committee in Common)

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>10 March 2020</b>
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>Outcomes of Public Health Re-commissioning Process: Tier 2 Weight Management Service</b>
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	<b>Director for Health and Wellbeing (DPH)</b>

### INTRODUCTION / REPORT SUMMARY

- This report is to inform the Joint Strategic Commissioning Board (JSCB) of the outcome of the re-commissioning process for the Tier 2 Weight Management Service for Wirral and request authorisation to award contracts to successful bidders following the tender evaluation process.
- On 4 December 2018, the Joint Strategic Commissioning Board authorised officers to commence the re-commissioning processes for the Tier 2 Weight Management Service. It was necessary to re-commission this service to comply with the Public Contract Regulations and Wirral Council Contract Procedure Rules. These processes have now concluded, the tenders received have been evaluated according to Council procurement rules.
- The proposed actions affect all wards within the borough and the decisions requested are key decisions.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- That members of the Cabinet Committee consider the recommendations in the appendices to this report relating to the outcomes of the re-commissioning processes for Tier 2 weight management services, and authorise the award of contract.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### 1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 On 4 December 2018, the Joint Strategic Commissioning Board authorised officers to commence the re-commissioning processes for the Tier 2 Weight Management Service. Re-commissioning the service ensures compliance with Public Contract Regulations and Wirral Council Contract Procedure Rules. These processes have now concluded. Contracts cannot be awarded until authorisation is received from the Cabinet Committee.

### 2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 No other options have been considered.

### 3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Wirral weight management services are commissioned by Wirral Council (Tier 2) and NHS Wirral CCG (Tier 3 and Tier 4). Between December 2018 and March 2019, a joint review was undertaken by partners within Wirral Health and Care Commissioning to explore how pathways between Tier 2 and Tier 3 weight management services could be improved. Following this review and scoping exercise, commissioners have restructured the current weight management pathway to improve links between Tier 2 and Tier 3 services. Changes to the weight management pathway should lead to an improved weight management offer for Wirral residents which is more cost efficient whilst demonstrating better outcomes for patients. Services will be closely monitored during the first 12 months of service delivery to evaluate the impact of the pathway redesign.
- 3.2 The specification for the Tier 2 weight management service was developed from the findings of the joint review; informed by insight and engagement with local people and stakeholders and identified need as referenced by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and evidence-based practice. This has provided an opportunity to reconsider funding and delivery models, and the refocusing of service delivery for the benefit of service users.
- 3.3 The service was procured via an accreditation process; any willing provider that could evidence how they would meet the requirements of the service specification and agreed to the financial tariffs would be awarded with a contract to deliver the service.

- 3.4 It is anticipated that the new contracts for the Tier 2 weight management service will be operational by 1 June 2020. Current contracts for these services will continue during the re-commissioning process so that there is no loss of service to local people.
- 3.5 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.

#### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There is currently allocated funding for the services highlighted. The value and availability of the Public Health grant for 2020 onwards is not yet known. The re-commissioning exercise has provided the opportunity for more integrated and cost-effective models to be developed.

#### **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.
- 5.2 Wirral Council's Standing Financial Procedure Rules have been followed.

#### **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 There is always a risk of disruption to service provision during service redesign, re-commissioning and commencement of new services. In order to mitigate against this and minimise disruption, adequate time to plan for and implement the mobilisation of new services has been built into the procurement process between contract award and commencement.
- 7.2 The procurement process is subject to scrutiny and at risk of legal challenge. Particular regard is given to Contract Procedure Rules and relevant legislation at all stages of the process and the Public Health team works closely with the Procurement team to ensure compliance.

- 7.3 In 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 2020 onwards is not yet known. It is important to acknowledge that the council will need to review all financial allocations in order to achieve a balanced budget over the next few years. Therefore, there is a risk associated with commitment to contracts for three years, in advance of funding settlements. This will be mitigated by the insertion of appropriate termination clauses in relevant contracts.

## 8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Stakeholder engagement was undertaken between January and March 2019 as part of the weight management pathway review and to inform the development of the service specification. This includes:

- **Public/ service user questionnaire** (via survey monkey and paper copies made available). A total of 529 people completed the questionnaire in full (644 partially completed). The survey was promoted via Wirral View, Council internet and intranet, Wirral Council and NHS Wirral CCG social media accounts. Paper copies were made available to service users within the current Tier 2 and Tier 3 weight management providers and to service users at Wirral Change.
- **Professional questionnaire** (via survey monkey). A total of 55 health and care professionals completed the questionnaire. The questionnaire was promoted by NHS Wirral CCG via the Primary Care Bulletin and to communication leads at Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust and Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for inclusion in staff bulletins.

## 9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision or activity.

Impact review is attached – <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments/equality-impact-assessments-2017-2>

## 10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The content and/or recommendations contained within this report are expected to have no impact on emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>.

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## APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - **(EXEMPT)**: Recommended Contractual Award – Outcome Tender (Accreditation Exercise). Tier 2 Weight Management Service

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

Proposed Public Health Commissioning Intentions 2019-2020: A report by the Acting Director of Health and Wellbeing, submitted to Joint Strategic Commissioning Board on 4 December 2018: -  
<http://democracy.wirral.gov.uk/documents/s50054414/Proposed%20PH%20Commissioning%20Intentions%20041218%20FINAL.pdf>

## HISTORY

Meeting	Date
Joint Strategic Commissioning Board	4 December 2018