

Adult Social Care & Public Health Sub-Committee

Date: 27 July 2021

Time: 3.00pm

Venue Hove Town Hall - Council Chamber

Members: **Councillors:** Nield (Chair), Shanks, Fowler (Opposition Spokesperson), Mears (Group Spokesperson) and Appich
Invitee:

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- (b) Any other interests required to be registered under the local code;
- (c) Any other general interest as a result of which a decision on the matter might reasonably be regarded as affecting you or a partner more than a majority of other people or businesses in the ward/s affected by the decision.

In each case, you need to declare

- (i) the item on the agenda the interest relates to;
- (ii) the nature of the interest; and
- (iii) whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest or some other interest.

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This is a Special Meeting called by the Chair of the Committee to only consider a report on Sexual Health Promotion, HIV Prevention Living Well Services and therefore any Public Involvement must relate to that matter. If the Petition, Written Question of Deputation relates to another issue it should be submitted for the next full meeting of the Committee which will be held on 7 September 2021.

To consider the following matters raised by members of the public:

- (a) **Petitions:** to receive any petitions presented by members of

the public to the full Council or as notified for presentation at the meeting by the due date of (10 working days);

- (b) **Written Questions:** to receive any questions submitted by the due date of 12 noon on the (insert date) 2021;
- (c) **Deputations:** to receive any deputations submitted by the due date of 12 noon on the (insert date) 2021.

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To consider the following matters raised by councillors:

- (a) **Petitions:** to receive any petitions submitted to the full Council or at the meeting itself;
- (b) **Written Questions:** to consider any written questions;
- (c) **Letters:** to consider any letters;
- (d) **Notices of Motion:** to consider any Notices of Motion referred from Council or submitted directly to the Committee.

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Report of the Executive Director Health and Adult Social Care (copy attached)

Contact Officer: Stephen Nicholson

Tel: 01273 296554

17 ITEMS REFERRED FOR COUNCIL

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Title: Sexual Health Promotion, HIV Prevention & Living Well Services
Date of Meeting: 27.07.21
Report of: Executive Director of Health and Adult Social Care
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Wards Affected: ALL

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

Executive Summary

The purpose of this paper is to outline plans for the re-commissioning of the sexual health promotion, HIV prevention and living well service from April 2022. This service supports residents of the City with particular focus on those groups at higher risk of HIV and sexual ill-health.

Glossary of Terms

HIV = Human Immunodeficiency Virus
THT = Terrence Higgins Trust
MSM = men who have sex with men
STIs = sexually transmitted infections
PIN = prior information notice

1. Decisions, recommendations and any options

- 1.1 That the Adult Social Care and Public Health Sub Committee grants delegated authority to the Executive Director of Health and Adult Social Care to conduct a procurement process as outlined by this report for the provision of *sexual health, HIV prevention and social care services* and to enter into the subsequent 3 +2 year contract.

2. Relevant information

- 2.1 There is a high burden of poor sexual health in Brighton and Hove with the 17th highest rate of new sexually transmitted infections (STIs) of local authorities in England and the highest rates in the South East region. Gay and other men who have sex with men (MSM), younger people under 25 and

those with a black ethnicity have been statistically shown to be at the highest risk of STIs.

- 2.2 Brighton and Hove has the 8th highest prevalence of diagnosed HIV in England and the highest outside of London. In 2019 the prevalence was 7.94 /1,000 aged 15-59 compared to 2.39/1,000 in England. The vast majority (84%) of people (92% of males) probably acquired the infection through sex between men. 85% of people living with HIV in Brighton and Hove are white but over half of women living with HIV locally have a black ethnicity.
- 2.3 Evidence based HIV prevention and social care for people living with HIV makes good public health and economic sense. Every HIV infection that is prevented benefits individual and public health and saves the state around £280,000.
- 2.4 The HIV prevention and social care service delivers HIV prevention interventions targeted towards those statistically most at risk of HIV infection – men who have sex with men (MSM) and black Africans. The service also provides social care support for all people living with HIV who need help to lead healthy and fulfilling lives.
- 2.5 Services include physical and on-line outreach, face to face support, social marketing campaigns, counselling, community based HIV and sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing, printed information and materials, the provision of free condoms, structured peer support and work to address the role of drugs and alcohol in risk taking behaviours.
- 2.6 Service delivery is very good with performance generally exceeding the requirements of key performance indicators
- 2.7 The current contract for the provision of these services expires on March 31st, 2022.
- 2.8 It is proposed that a prior information notice (PIN) is posted as a call for competition in the first instance.
- 2.9 If the PIN results in expressions of interest from other parties a procurement by tender will be undertaken. If no expressions of interest are received it is proposed that a new contract is negotiated with the current provider Terrence Higgins Trust.
- 2.10 The contract value is £411k. We are requesting a contract for 3 years plus 2 optional extension years.

3. Important considerations and implications

Legal:

- 3.1 The Council must comply with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 in relation to the procurement and award of contracts above the relevant financial threshold. The services outlined in this report fall within Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and exceed the relevant threshold for light touch regime services (£663,540).
- 3.2 The procurement process for the light touch regime is not unduly prescribed but must accord with the fundamental public procurement principles of transparency, proportionality, non-discrimination and equal treatment. The Council must also consider social value when procuring service contracts in order to comply with the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012.
- 3.3 The Council's Contract Standing Orders will also apply. Committee approval must be obtained to authorise the Council entering into contracts in excess of £500,000.

Lawyer consulted: Sara Zadeh

Date: 12/07/21

Finance:

- 3.4 The existing contract to provide Sexual Health Promotion, HIV Prevention and Living Well Services is funded within the ring-fenced Public Health grant (Health & Adult Social Care directorate).
- 3.5 The budget for financial year 2021/22 is in line with the proposed waiver and annual contract sum of £0.411m. However, the Public Health grant allocation has not been confirmed beyond financial year 2021/22 which may impact on the availability of funding, though it is anticipated that financial resources will be available to enable the commissioning of the services detailed above up to March 2025.

Finance Officer consulted: Sophie Warburton

Date: 22/06/2021

Equalities:

- 3.6 Consideration for equalities and the reduction of health inequalities will be explicitly addressed in the service specification and integral to the delivery of the services. The public health universal services are delivered with a scale of intensity proportionate to the level of needs experienced by certain population groups including those needs arising from their protected characteristics. An equalities impact assessment will be undertaken as part of the re-commissioning process

Sustainability:

- 3.7 There are no direct implications for sustainability

Health, social care, children's services and public health:

- 3.8 Children are not included within the scope of this service. Health, social care and public health are directly addressed by the public health services to which this paper refers.

4. Supporting documents and information

- 4.1 None required