

17 November 2014

This record relates to Agenda Item 81

## **RECORD OF POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE DECISION**

**SUBJECT:** INTEGRATED COMMUNITY  
EQUIPMENT SERVICE 2014

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### **THE DECISION**

That the Committee agree to the Council entering into a tailored contract with the equipment provider selected by West Sussex County Council (WSSC) to meet the needs of the residents of Brighton & Hove as recommended by the Health & Wellbeing Board on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The CCG have indicated their preferred option is to enter into a contract with the WSSC contractor.

### **ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

As SCT have given notice on their contract to provide equipment it is vital that a new service is commissioned before the end of September 2015. The preferred option agreed at the Health and Wellbeing Board is to enter in to a contact with the West Sussex preferred bidder due to economies of scale and time-frames for delivery.

Therefore the recommendation is that a service is commissioned externally and that B&HCC and CCG enter into a contract with the equipment provider selected by WSSC.

### **CONCLUSION**

Policy & Resources Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> October were asked to agree to the Council & the CCG entering into a contract with the equipment provider selected by West Sussex County Council (WSSC) in their recent tender as recommended by the Health & Wellbeing Board on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014

There were other options suggested at Policy & Resources Committee and further analysis has taken place in order to consider these options:

- 1) **The Amendment to the Policy & Resources Committee report.** The amendment that was carried asked for time to investigate the option of a local NHS or voluntary sector service providing the service.
- 2) **The Trade Union representatives' proposal to Policy & Resources Committee.** Trade Union representatives also asked for the decision to be deferred to give them the opportunity to work with ICES staff to put in a bid for the service. Questions were raised at Policy & Resources Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> October about the status of the WSSC tender but the report made it clear that the contract between WSSC and the provider would be awarded in October.

**Proper Officer:**

Date: 18 November 2014

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

**Signed:**

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**CALL-IN FOR SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come into force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the meeting at which the decision was taken subject to:

- (i) any requirement for earlier implementation of the decision or,
- (ii) the decision being called in for review by 5 Members from two or more Groups represented on the Council.

