

Subject:	Outcomes from the Adult Drug and Alcohol Recovery Procurement Process		
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Ward(s) affected:	All Wards		

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 In July 2013 the Policy and Resources Committee considered a paper from the Director of Public Health on the “renewal of Public Health contracts” which outlined the proposals for the Public Health contracts which had transferred to the local authority from the NHS. The committee agreed to the contract transfer arrangements and the procurement plans for a number of service contracts which included the Adult Drug and Alcohol Services.
- 1.2 The reprocurement process has now been completed and the preferred bidder identified. The recommendation to award the contract to the preferred bidder will be considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on the 14th October 2014 (see Appendix 1) and the extracts from the proceedings of the Board will be tabled at the meeting of this committee on 16th October. The Policy and Resources Committee is now being asked to agree with this decision and to the awarding of the financial resources. This report is referred to Policy and Resources Committee for decision as it is a follow up report to the Policy and Resources Committee decision in July 2013 and in view of the corporate budgetary implications of the procurement.
- 1.3 The appendix to this covering report is the paper going to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 14th October 2014 and provides the details about the procurement process and the preferred bidder together with their partnership arrangements.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Policy & Resources Committee agrees that the Adult Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service contract is awarded to Cranstoun as the lead provider in the Pavilions Partnership at a value not exceeding £15.6m over a three year period, subject to the Director of Public Health being satisfied about the detailed delivery arrangements; and authorises the Director of Public Health to award this contract upon being satisfied as to the delivery arrangements, and to take all necessary steps in connection with the letting of the contract.

- 2.2 That the Policy & Resources Committee agrees to grant delegated powers to the Director of Public Health to extend the contract at the end of the three year term, with the potential to extend the contract for a further two years if he deems it appropriate

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Policy and Resources Committee agreed in July 2013 to the extension of the Adult Drug and Alcohol Service agreements until March 2015 to enable the procurement process to be completed.
- 3.2 The decision to re-procure was informed by national policy drivers, particularly the strategic focus on recovery, and BHCC advice which are outlined in paragraph 3.4 of the Health & Wellbeing Board's report attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.3 The procurement process began in mid 2013. In line with procurement regulations the process was fair, equitable, robust and transparent as detailed in 3.6 to 3.17 of Appendix 1.
- 3.4 The resulting bid put forward as the recommended provider is named Pavilions Partnership, led by the charity Cranstoun, and includes an NHS provider as well as local community and voluntary sector providers and service user led initiatives, who are already delivering local drug and alcohol services. Also, supporting Cranstoun's proposal and the delivery of the core new service, is an array of other partnerships and relationships, with 'shared-care delivery partners', established with other provider authorities and agencies. This is detailed in sections 3.18 to 3.24 of the report in Appendix 1.
- 3.5 Given the importance of the delivery arrangements, conditions attached to the contract will be put in place, and confirmed during the mobilisation period taking into account changes for the existing service users to minimise any disruption caused as a result of the new delivery model. Commissioners will also ensure that Cranstoun will engage with communities and ward councillors about changes to service delivery directly affecting their local communities.
- 3.6 This proposal will bring an 8% savings and added value to the Public Health budget as detailed in 3.26 of the report in Appendix 1.
- 3.7 The Council has complied with its duty in relation to TUPE with the potential transfer of staff and is detailed in section 3.28 of the report in Appendix 1.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Where services are delivered externally (as is the case here), the options are to continue this arrangement, or bring the service in house. Given the nature of this service, it is not considered realistic for it to be delivered in house. Continuing with the current arrangement to have the service delivered externally brings with it a requirement to ensure that best value is achieved. The process followed (as described above) enables the council to satisfy this best value requirement.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Extensive public engagement and stakeholder consultation was an integral element of the process, as described.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The evaluation panel would like to recommend that the contract is awarded to the Pavilions Partnership with specified conditions attached during the mobilisation period of October to March 2015.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

7.1 Financial Implications:

As per the report to the Health & Wellbeing Board (Appendix 1)

7.2 Legal Implications:

As per the report to the Health & Wellbeing Board (Appendix 1)

7.3 Equalities Implications:

As per the report to the Health & Wellbeing Board (Appendix 1)

7.4 Sustainability Implications:

No implications

7.5 Crime & Disorder Implications:

The decision to endorse the procurement process agreed at Safe in the City Partnership and regular uptakes on the process were considered.

Probation, Police and Community Safety were involved in the consultation and development of the initial tender.

Probation were a key partners during the evaluation process and are in agreement with the recommendation being put to the Policy and Resources Committee

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Outcomes from the Adult Drug and Alcohol Recovery Procurement Process.

Background Documents

1. Previous reports to P&R Committee.