

# RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION – Part 3 Section 16

**DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION** Director for Public Health and Wellbeing  
**TAKEN BY:**  
**PORTFOLIO AREA:** Health and Adult Social Care

**DATE:** 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**SUBJECT:** Sexual Health Tender Process

Award of contract following completion of tender activity

## 1. DECISION

Following a successful tender process the decision to award Integrated Sexual Health Services for a 3 year +1 + 1 to Brook Young People. Years 4 & 5 will be negotiated at the beginning of Year 3 of delivery

Year 1: £899,977.43 Year 2: £884,448.37 Year 3: £899,773.35

## 2. REASON FOR DECISION

The tender activity commenced in September 2020 and led to the tender being published on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and was advertised widely to the market through the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU); Contracts Finder and the CHEST portal.

**There were 2 stages in the tender process:**

### **Stage 1: Suitability Assessment**

2 providers completed a suitability assessment questionnaire. The submissions were evaluated by selection of officers to ensure a mix of professional skills using pre-determined selection criteria (covering Financial Information / Grounds for Exclusion / Technical & Professional ability / Insurance / Health and Safety / Equal Opportunities / Environmental Management).

Tenders that achieved a 'pass' in the pass/fail sections of the ITT were progressed to stage 2. Both providers were put through to the next tender stage.

### **Stage 2: Invitation to Tender Stage (ITT)**

Organisations were required to achieve a 'pass' in relation to 'Budgetary / Pricing Framework'. If a pass was achieved a full evaluation was undertaken based on the criteria set out in the specification and invitation to tender documents.

The tenders were assessed by a panel and scored. We sought further clarification from one of the providers to ensure that their submissions have been fully understood via a written clarification process.

Detailed written feedback will be given to the successful and unsuccessful tenderers.

### **Recommendations for Award**

Sexual Health Services: recommendation to award contract to **Brook**.

### **3. BACKGROUND**

The service aims to improve sexual health by delivering a range of interventions across the life course; with a focused direction of travel towards prevention, building resilience and self-esteem, along with consistently promoting healthy choices. The service will provide, via a digital and clinic approach, open and easy access, cost-effective, high-quality provision for contraception and prevention, diagnosis and management of sexually transmitted infections, according to evidence-based protocols.

Our ambition is to commission an innovative service that empowers all individuals to enjoy positive sexual health.

Key Priorities applicable to this service are:

- Continuing to reduce the number of new sexually transmitted infections amongst all ages.
- Increasing the rate of Chlamydia screenings amongst 15-24yrs olds.
- Increasing the Chlamydia detection rate amongst 15-24yr olds.
- Continuing to reduce under 18 and under 16 conceptions.
- Reducing the number of abortions among women of all ages.
- Increasing the proportion of abortions performed under 10 weeks.
- Increasing the number of tests for HIV for residents who are eligible.
- Reducing the proportion of residents diagnosed with HIV at a late stage of infection.
- Preventative HIV

The service will provide open access, cost-effective, high quality provision for contraception, diagnosis and management of sexually transmitted infections, according to evidence-based protocols and current national guidance, adapted to the needs of local populations.

### **4. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

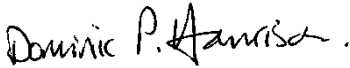
The overall cost of the contract warranted the use of a full tender exercise which has now been completed. Initial discussions with the existing provider to extend the contract due to Covid pressures were going to place too much financial pressure on the Public Health system. The award of contract is still within the budget allocated by the Local Authority.

### **5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

All Declarations of Interest of the officer with delegation and the any Member who has been consulted, and note of any dispensation granted should be recorded below:

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<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	<b>Lee Girvan</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	19/01/21
<b>BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:</b>	Tender specification and invitation to tender documents.

Signed:	
	
<b>Director: Dominic Harrison</b>	<b>Date: 25 January 2021</b>