

11th December 2014**Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH****OBESITY PREVENTION AND WEIGHT MANAGEMENT SERVICE
COMMISSIONING UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. This report provides an update on the tender for the obesity prevention and weight management service, the report recommends the award of contract to the successful bidder.

Information and Advice

2. Some information relating to this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Having regard to all the circumstances, on balance the public interest in disclosing the information does not outweigh the reason for exemption because the information comprises commercially sensitive and confidential information about the bids the Council received. The exempt information is set out in the Exempt Appendix.
3. Members have previously received and approved reports for the decommissioning of obesity prevention and weight management services and re-commissioning of these services (April 2013, June 2013, January 2014 and September 2014). It was agreed that services needed to be re-commissioned as:
 - Current service provision does not meet the identified needs of the local population in which: around a quarter of adults are estimated to be obese; one in five children in reception is overweight or obese; and nearly one in three children in Year 6 is overweight or obese. Neither does it support the management of obesity during pregnancy.
 - There are parts of the overweight/obesity pathway in which there are gaps (for example: there is no Tier 3 specialist weight management service; Tier 2 community weight management services only delivered in Bassetlaw; and some parts of Tier 1 service have a risk of duplication).
 - Resources are not currently aligned to those areas of highest need or to those groups most at risk of excess weight.
 - Currently there is not an appropriate balance of investment and effort between prevention and treatment.
4. Obesity prevention and weight management services had previously been out to tender earlier in the year when it was not possible to award the contract as the preferred provider withdrew from the process. Following advice from both legal services and

procurement a re-tender process has taken place for an integrated obesity prevention and weight management service consisting of:

- Tier 1: Healthy eating and physical activity interventions targeted at those most in need
- Tier 2: Lifestyle community weight management services
- Tier 3: Specialist multidisciplinary weight management services (required for service users to access weight loss surgery).

5. The contract was procured as a Part B services contract under the Public Contracts Regulations 2006. It was procured using a two stage process and will put in place a single county wide service for adults, children and young people.

Stage 1: Pre-qualification stage

6. Five bidders submitted proposals. In the Pre-qualification questionnaire, bidders' responses were firstly evaluated on a pass/fail basis against criteria including health and safety, insurance, equal opportunities and quality and clinical assurance. Bidders were further evaluated in respect of their technical ability, again on a pass/fail basis.
7. Only those bidders who met or exceeded the minimum threshold for specific questions and sections of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire were invited to tender. Three providers were invited to tender.

Stage 2: Tender stage

8. The Council received two bids (one provider chose to withdraw during the tender stage process). The bids were evaluated using the Most Economically Advantageous Tender criteria. This enables the Council to evaluate bids based on quality, technical ability and price of the tender submission. This is standard best practice for the procurement of services. The weighting of the scoring between quality and price was 55% and 45% respectively. Tenders were evaluated in accordance with the process set out in the information to tenderers.
9. The Tender Questionnaire included questions in respect of staffing, service implementation, business continuity and price for the provision of services. Responses were firstly evaluated on a pass/fail basis against criteria including mobilisation & transition, staff transition, management of workforce, access to services, governance and finance.
10. Only those bids which passed the initial criteria were taken through to the second stage of evaluation which involved reviewing responses to questions on implementation, management and staffing, service delivery and bidders' price for the provision of the services.

Recommendation of award

11. The tender evaluation panel has completed their evaluation and identified the successful bidder. The outcome of the tender evaluation panel is included in the exempt appendix.

Other options Considered

12. The Council has received compliant tenders within the budget approved for these services and therefore there are no reasons to abandon or discontinue the process.

Reason/s for recommendation/s

13. The current contracts end on 31st March 2015. The recommendation ensures the continuity of these services to the public after that date.

Statutory and Policy Implications

14. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Implications for Service Users

15. Service users/carers were consulted as part of the consultation process. A consultation with service users, prospective bidders and key stakeholders was undertaken between October and December 2013 to seek their views on service provision. The outcome was used to shape service specification.

Financial Implications

16. The award of these services will provide consistency, quality assurance and improve cost efficiency that will deliver good value for money services within the current budget limits.

RECOMMENDATION/S

17. Approval is granted to the award of contract for the obesity prevention and weight management services to the successful bidder identified in the exempt appendix.

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Constitutional Comments (AK 1/12/2014)

The Public Health Committee has delegated authority within the Constitution to approve the recommendations in the report.

Financial Comments (KAS 04/12/14)

The financial implications are contained within paragraph 16 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Public Health Sub-Committee paper (16.04.13) – Nottinghamshire County Overweight/Obesity Prevention and Weight Management Services
- Public Health Sub-Committee paper (06.06.13) – Resource from Public Health Grant to Fund Gaps in Nottinghamshire Prevention and Management of Excess Weight
- Public Health Committee paper (09.01.14) Obesity Prevention and Weight Management Update.
- Public Health Committee paper (11.9.14) – Obesity Prevention and Weight Management Service Commissioning Update.
- The tender documentation for PQQ and tender stages.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All districts