

11th September 2014**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH****OBESITY PREVENTION AND WEIGHT MANAGEMENT SERVICES
COMMISSIONING UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. This report provides an update on the tender for obesity prevention and weight management services and confirms that a Public Health Committee meeting has been arranged for 11th December 2014 in order to grant approval of the award of the contract and enable services to be in place on 1st April 2015.

Information and Advice

2. From April 2013, the Local Authority (Public Health) became the responsible commissioner for obesity interventions as well as locally led nutrition and physical activity initiatives. Members have previously received and approved reports for the decommissioning of obesity prevention and weight management services and the re-commissioning of these services. Following a successful tender process it was agreed at the June Public Health Committee that the contract for obesity prevention and weight management services be awarded to Derbyshire Community Health Services.
3. Subsequently the successful bidder withdrew from the tender due to a misunderstanding on their part regarding costings. As there was no second preferred bidder it has not been possible to implement the decision to award the contract.
4. To ensure continuity of service provision, all current providers of services have been approached to continue to provide services beyond 30th September for a further 6 months until 31st March 2015.
5. Following advice from both legal services and procurement the Council is therefore retendering for a similar specification i.e. 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).Services are anticipated to be in place by 1st April 2015.
6. There are a number of implications arising from this particular situation:
 - Regarding the continuance of current provision, most provision will continue. The exceptions to this are five GP practices in Bassetlaw who have decided not to. Based

on the number of referrals last year it is thought that this would have an impact on approximately 100 referrals. As an interim measure it has been agreed that practices can refer individuals to the ZEST weight management service delivered by Bassetlaw Health Partnership. Six of the seven District Councils are current service providers (not Rushcliffe) and negotiation is currently underway with them to continue services at a cost to the Council broadly similar to current arrangements.

- Obesity prevention and weight management services had never previously been tendered. We have now used the evidence from the first tender to calculate more accurately the funds required to enable a contract to be awarded (prior to this services had never been through a tendering process). Modelling work undertaken since the first tender now indicates that a budget of £1.9m is more realistic.

Other Options Considered

7. Should the financial envelope not be increased there is a risk that the Council could not identify a preferred bidder and so the contract will not be in place by 1st April 2015.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. The current contract extensions end on 31st March 2015. The recommendations ensure the provision of services from 1st April 2015.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working 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

10. Service users/carers were consulted during the consultation process. A consultation with service users, prospective bidders and key stakeholders was undertaken towards the end of 2013 to seek their views on service provision. The outcome has been used to shape the service specification.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Public Health Committee is asked to

- 1) Note the current situation regarding the commissioning of obesity prevention and weight management services.
- 2) Note the plans to extend the current service arrangements.
- 3) Agree to an increase in the financial envelope up to £1.9million pa to allow for the successful retendering of obesity prevention and weight management services from within the Public Health Grant.
- 4) Agree to a report being brought to the Public Health Committee on 11th December 2014 to recommend the award of contract.

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Constitutional Comments [SLB 02/09/2014]

Public Health Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments [NS 13/08/2014]

The report to this Committee in June identified significant savings on the substance misuse treatment and recovery services and obesity prevention and weight management services commissioning of approximately £3 million by 2017/18 when compared to the baseline of 2013/14. Consequently, any potential additional costs arising from these proposals should be seen in light of the savings on the whole commissioning exercise.

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.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All