

Nottinghamshire County Council

12th June 2014

Agenda Item: 5

## REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

# SUBSTANCE MISUSE TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICES AND OBESITY PREVENTION AND WEIGHT MANAGEMENT SERVICES COMMISSIONING UPDATE

## **Purpose of the Report**

1. This report provides an update on the tender for the adult and young people's community substance misuse treatment and recovery services, obesity prevention and weight management services, the report recommends the award of contracts to the successful bidders.

## **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 Some information relating to this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.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 of 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 the substance misuse treatment and recovery services and weight management services and re-commissioning of these services.
- 4. The contracts were procured in 14 Lots through an open tender procedure. These lots are identified in paragraph 7 below. The lots for adult substance misuse services (drugs and alcohol) were created to enable a wider range of providers to participate and increase competition for individual Districts or combination of Districts.
- 5. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has also participated in this procurement as a prospective purchaser of Drug Rehabilitation Services. The PCC service requirement for a single county wide solution reflects the level of the estimated financial expenditure for the PCC under the contract.
- 6. Children and young people's substance misuse recovery services and the obesity prevention and weight management services were also considered to be single county wide solutions to meet the particular requirements of service users and commissioners.

7. Ten bidders submitted proposals for one or more Lots. The number of bids received for each lot is identified below:

| Lot description   | Number of bids received |
|---|-------------------------|
| LOT 1 Adults - substance misuse recovery services in  | None                    |
| Ashfield  |                         |
| LOT 2 Adults - substance misuse recovery services in  | 1                       |
| Bassetlaw   |                         |
| LOT 3 Adults - substance misuse recovery services in  | None                    |
| Broxtowe  |                         |
| LOT 4 Adults - substance misuse recovery services in  | None                    |
| Gedling   | NI                      |
| LOT 5 Adults - substance misuse recovery services in  | None                    |
| Newark & Sherwood<br>LOT 6 Adults - substance misuse recovery services in                                 | None                    |
| Mansfield   | NOTE                    |
| LOT 7 Adults - substance misuse recovery services in  | None                    |
| Rushcliffe  | None                    |
| LOT 8 Adults - substance misuse recovery services in the  | 1                       |
| north of the county. This is the amalgamation of Lots 1, 2, 5   |                         |
| and 6.  |                         |
| LOT 9 Adults - substance misuse recovery services in the  | 3                       |
| south of the county. This is the amalgamation of Lots 3, 4  |                         |
| and 7.  |                         |
| LOT 10 Drug Rehabilitation Requirements Services (whole   | None                    |
| of Nottinghamshire)   | _                       |
| LOT 11 Adult Substance misuse recovery services in the  | 2                       |
| whole of the county – including DRR - This is the   |                         |
| amalgamation of Lots 8, 9 & 10  | 2                       |
| LOT 12 Children and Young People - substance misuse   | 2                       |
| recovery services (whole of Nottinghamshire)<br>LOT 13 Adults (including pregnant women) and Children and | 5                       |
| Young People - obesity prevention and weight management   | 5                       |
| services (whole of Nottinghamshire).  |                         |
| LOT 14 All services - This is the amalgamation of Lots 11, 12   | None                    |
| & 13.   |                         |

- 8. 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 weighing of the scoring between quality and price was 55% and 45% respectively.
- 9. Tenders were evaluated in accordance with the process set out in the information to tenderers. Firstly, bidders' responses to a General Questionnaire were 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 under Tender Questionnaire Part 1.

- 10. Only those bidders who met or exceeded the minimum threshold for the General Questionnaire and the Tender Questionnaire Part 1 were selected for evaluation of the Tender Questionnaire Part 2.
- 11. The Tender Questionnaire Part 2 evaluated the quality of the bids and included questions in respect of staffing, service implementation and business continuity.
- 12. Only those bidders meeting the minimum threshold for the Tender Questionnaire Part 2 were considered and evaluated for Tender Questionnaire Part 3 which evaluated the bidders' price for the provision of the services.
- 13. The tender evaluation panel has completed their evaluations and identified the successful bidders. A report on the outcome of the tender evaluation panel is included in the exempt appendix.

## **Other options Considered**

14. 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**

15. The current contracts end on 30 September 2014. The recommendation ensures the continuity of these services to the public after that date.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

16. 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

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

#### **Financial Implications**

18. 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. If the successful bidders' tenders are accepted this will deliver savings of approximately £3million by 2017/18 compared to the baseline of 2013/14. A summary of the projected savings are set out in the Exempt Appendix for each of the Lots where successful bidders have been identified.

#### **Crime and Disorder Implications**

19. Within scope for the adult community substance misuse treatment and recovery services is the inclusion of the budget for criminal justice interventions, and more specifically Drug Rehabilitation Requirements. The Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) office is working alongside Public Health to integrate substance misuse treatment and recovery interventions for those who access via the criminal justice system to ensure consistency across the whole system.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

20. Approval is granted to the award of contracts for the substance misuse treatment and recovery services and the obesity prevention and weight management services to the successful bidders identified in the exempt appendix.

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#### Constitutional Comments [SSR 04.06.14]

The Public Health Committee has authority to approve the recommendations set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

#### Financial Comments [PS 04.06.14]

The financial implications are outlined in the exempt 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.

The tender documentation.

#### Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All districts