

14 January 2019**Agenda Item: 8**

REPORT OF GROUP MANAGER–PROCUREMENT COLLABORATIVE PROCUREMENT

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide members with information on engagement and collaborative projects undertaken.

Information

2. As part of the Council's Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) staff in the corporate procurement service have been working with procurement colleagues at Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust and Sherwood Forest Hospitals comparing procurement plans and discussing options for working together in collaboration on future projects.
3. Whilst the primary reason to look at collaboration has been to achieve savings through economies of scales, the ability to work together to develop and drive the future direction of services has been beneficial.

Collaborative Projects

4. Managed Print Service, is for the provision of the print devices throughout the Council including the software and management. In May a report was presented to committee detailing a contract that had been put in place in collaboration with Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust and Sherwood Forest Hospitals. As an update to this Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust have now implemented the contract and Sherwood Forest hospitals will be implementing in 2019. Newark & Sherwood District Council have now also joined the contract and procurement is in discussions with other authorities about joining.
5. The Council has put in place a dynamic purchasing system (DPS) for the commissioning of homebased care packages. When setting up the DPS the procurement team engaged with local CCGs around their extended care requirements to ensure the DPS would be suitable for them to use as well as the Council. CCGs have now done several calls off from the DPS and this additional commissioning going through the DPS means suppliers are more likely to join it. Whilst the Council's procurement team tend to lead on collaborative procurements with CCGs, the additional funding going into the frameworks has meant that more suppliers are bidding for the tenders.
6. DN2 Children's Intervention Programme – The contract for this is due to start in April 2019. It is a collaboration with Derby and Nottingham City Councils following securing of £3,000,000 of Life Chances Funding -<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/life-chances-fund>. The

procurement is at the due diligence stage at the moment so the winning bidder and social investor have not yet been formally announced. The 3 authorities have worked together on this project as they recognised they had shared challenges, gaps in provision and common needs amongst their Children in Care population. The project is looking to deliver better outcomes for children and young people using innovative approaches. By all 3 authorities undertaking a joint procurement it was felt this would attract more interest from bidders to develop those innovative approaches due to the economies of scale. The forecasted savings for this project are £250k in 2019/20 and a further 250k in 2020/21.

7. In 2020 the Council's Wide Area Network Contract expires. Initial discussions have taken place with Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust and Sherwood Forest Hospitals about collaborative work for a new framework. Collaboration would make it easier to share networks across partner organisations as there would be a single supplier. This would also be an income generator for the Council as a fee would be charged to use the framework.
8. The Council's procurement division is currently leading on a project for Inspire with other library authorities for e-Resources (e-books, e-Audio books and e-Magazines). Inspire have also requested that the Council's procurement division leads on their book contract which will include library authorities from across the East Midlands. A charge is being made to the other library authorities for this service bringing income into the Council. Greater discounts on books are expected as a result of the collaboration and market engagement is showing evidence that this will be the case.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, 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.

Recommendation:

Members continue to support the approach to collaborative working with other public bodies.

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Constitutional Comments [CEH 03.01.19]

8. The recommendation falls within the remit of the Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee under its terms of reference.

Financial Comments [KRP 3/1/19]

9. The financial implications are set out in 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.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All