



## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **NHS HEALTH CHECK IT SERVICE PROCUREMENT UPDATE**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. This report provides an update on the tender for an IT Solution to support the GP-led NHS Health Check Service. The Public Health Committee is requested:
  - a. To note the progress of the procurement exercise
  - b. To note the contents of the Exempt Appendix
  - c. To give approval to abandon procurement of the NHS Health Check IT Solution and to proceed with an in-house solution in accordance with the outcomes identified in the Exempt Appendix.

#### **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 Some information relating to this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.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 tender process that the Council is conducting. The exempt information is set out in the Exempt Appendix.
3. Members received and approved procurement updates on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016:
  - a. The Council had received bids in 2015 for an IT Solution to support delivery of both the GP-led and a Targeted Outreach service (Lot 1), however no bids were received in respect of Targeted Outreach (Lot 2). The two lots were inextricably linked therefore it was agreed on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 not to award the IT Solution in isolation, and to re-tender for an IT Solution to support only the GP-led programme.
  - b. On 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016, members approved the proposal to go out to tender formally for an IT Solution to support delivery by GP practices of the NHS Health Check programme and enable the required data flow in fulfilment of the LA mandate, from April 2017.
4. The budget for the IT Solution for 2016/17 is £60,000 and the proposed duration of the new contract is 4 years. This contract value required that the IT solution contract was tendered in accordance with the UK Public Contract Regulations 2015.
5. This procurement was undertaken as an EU Open Process. Bidders had to submit a General Questionnaire and a Technical Questionnaire as a single stage bid.

6. The Council received bids that were evaluated using the Most Economically Advantageous Tender criteria. This enables the Council to evaluate bids based on quality and price of the tender submission. This is standard best practice for the procurement of services. The weighting of the scoring between price and quality was 40% and 60% respectively. Tenders were evaluated in accordance with the process set out in the information to tenderers.
7. The Tender Questionnaire included questions in respect of service delivery, service implementation, management and staffing, governance, and price for the provision of services. Responses were evaluated against set criteria with a threshold set on some but not all of the questions.
8. Before the final recommendation to Public Health Committee had been made, it came to light that IT system partners have been developing capabilities that could meet the essential requirements of NHS Health Check IT support. This would represent an in-house solution.

### **Recommendation**

9. The tender evaluation process has completed and the outcome of the tender evaluation panel is included in the exempt appendices.

### **Options Considered**

10. Option 1 is to award the contract to the most economically advantageous bidder – see Exempt Appendix.
11. Option 2 is to abandon the procurement process and to proceed with the in-house solution – see Exempt Appendix.

### **Reason for Recommendation**

12. The current contract ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. It is considered that there are sufficient grounds to abandon the procurement process.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

13. 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.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. To note the progress of the procurement exercise.
2. To note the contents of the Exempt Appendix.
3. To give approval to abandon procurement of the NHS Health Check IT Solution and to proceed with an in-house solution in accordance with the outcomes identified in the Exempt Appendix.

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**Constitutional Comments (EP 17.11.2016)**

14. The recommendations fall within the remit of the Public Health Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

**Financial Comments (DG 18.11.2016)**

15. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 4

**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 Divisions and Members Affected**

- All.