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**To:** Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee

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**Subject:** East Kent Sexual Health Services – interim contract extension

**Classification:** Unrestricted

### **Summary**

The contract award for community sexual health services for East Kent has required an extended period of tender clarification with the successful service provider.

This has required an extension of the existing contract with Kent Community Health Trust (KCHT) for four months to allow more time for transition to <sup>the</sup> new service.

### **Recommendation**

The Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee is asked to consider and either endorse or make recommendations to the Cabinet Member on the proposed key decision to extend the existing contract for sexual health services in East Kent until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek the committee's endorsement of a proposed key decision to extend the existing contract for community sexual health services in East Kent for four months until, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015.
- 1.2. The need for the extension is a result of negotiations in the post-tender clarification process in relation to the new contract for the service.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1. On 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014, the committee endorsed the proposal to award new contracts for community sexual health services. Since the decision was taken, the contract for West and North Kent has been awarded to Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Trust (MTW) and is due to start operating as planned on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.
- 2.2. The contract award for East Kent has been delayed because of a number of outstanding issues. These outstanding issues have now been resolved following an extended period of tender clarification and legal advice.

### **3. Contract extension**

- 3.1. Public Health have reached an agreement which will require a four month extension of the existing contract with KCHT to allow a managed transition to the new service.
- 3.2. The details of the agreement, risks and alternatives considered have been provided to the committee in a separate exempt report.

### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1. Public Health is seeking to extend the existing contract for sexual health services in East Kent by four months until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015. The delays in the award process for the new contract and the extent of change management needed in East Kent means that it will not be possible for the new contract to start until 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015.
- 4.2. The new contract will deliver significant efficiency savings and represents good value for money for the County Council. Public Health therefore considers that the proposed contract extension represents the most favourable solution for the County Council.

### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 The Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee is asked to consider and either endorse or make recommendations to the Cabinet Member on the proposed key decision to extend the existing contract for sexual health services in East Kent until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

### **Background documents**

None

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