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To: Graham Gibbens
Cabinet Member, Adult Social Care and Public Health

Subject: East Kent Substance Misuse Service– Contract awards

Classification: Unrestricted

Past Pathway of Paper: None

Future Pathway of Paper: Cabinet Member Decision – 16/00093.

Electoral Division: All

Summary

The Adults Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee have previously endorsed plans to commission East Kent Drug and Alcohol Services in Kent through a competitive procurement process.

The Commissioning Plan was agreed at Strategic Commissioning Board (SCB) in September. The procurement was also endorsed by the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 11th October 2016. Following the approval of the Procurement Plan on 6 October 2016 by Strategic Commissioning Board, the procurement process started on 22 November 2016

The maximum contract value over 5 years is £24,957,166 and will be funded from the Public Health grant. The contract values will be subject to a year on year reduction over the life of the contract in line with the planned reductions to the Public Health grant.

The total maximum contract value over the initial five year term is £25m and the contract award requires a key decision by the Cabinet Member. The new services are due to start operating on 1st May 2017.

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health is asked to agree to award the contract to the successful bidder, RAPt (Rehabilitation of Addicted Prisoners Trust)

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The proposal for retendering of the East Kent Drug and Alcohol Service was endorsed by the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 11 October 2016
- 1.2. On 6 December 2016, the Cabinet Committee delegated that the proposed decision could be taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, to approve the award of the contract.

- 1.3. This paper aims to provide an update on the outcome of the procurement process and seeks the cabinet member's endorsement of a key decision to award the new contracts.

2. Background

- 2.1. As part of its responsibilities for public health and for delivering improved health and wellbeing outcomes for adults in Kent, KCC Public Health has commissioned substance misuse services in East Kent since April 2013.
- 2.2. The services are currently delivered by Turning Point.
- 2.3. The Cabinet Committee has previously welcomed and endorsed the proposal to re-commission these services.
- 2.4. At its meeting in October 2016 the Committee agreed to the procurement of this service, and in December it agreed the delegated authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

3. Progress

- 3.1. The procurement process started in August with a market engagement event.
- 3.2. Organisations were invited to tender in November 2016, and were given 30 days to submit their tenders.
- 3.3. Final tenders were in late December 2016 and early January 2017.
- 3.4. The table below sets out the timetable for the remainder of the procurement process:

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| Award contract | 1 st March 2017 |
| Service mobilisation | March- April 2017 |
| New Service start date | 1 st May 2017 |

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. The current East Kent Substance Misuse Service is delivered by Turning Point, a national charitable organisation, and funded through the Public Health Grant. The current contract was let in 2013 and is a 3 year contract with a one year extension period which is due to end in March 2017.
- 4.2. The service has seen its budget reduce by £1.72m over the past 2 years with the largest reduction being in 16/17. Performance has also dropped over the past 12 months with numbers in treatment and successful completions down 2.6% on the same period in the previous year.
- 4.3. Significant savings have had to be made to the grant in the past financial year and moving forwards into 2017/18. As such, a new East Kent Drug and Alcohol Service has been procured to ensure value for money. A successful procurement process

has resulted in an overall saving of 13.74%, or £3,942,881 against the current budget baseline, whilst delivering an enhanced service through an improved specification

4.4. The maximum contract value over 5 years is £24,957,166

5. Risks

- 5.1. The risks associated with the reducing budget will be managed through effective commissioning and through effective joint working between the service providers and other partners.
- 5.2. Commissioners will scrutinise provider performance, finances and key risks through the contract monitoring process in order to mitigate any significant risks to service delivery. Public Health will also encourage and support collaboration between providers, schools and other partners to help ensure that services make best use of the full assets and knowledge that are available across the county.
- 5.3. Bidders submitted detailed transition and mobilisation plans as part of their tender. The transition to the new services is being carefully managed in order to minimise any unnecessary disruption.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1. The Committee has previously endorsed commissioning plans for the East Kent Drug and Alcohol Service on a number of occasions
- 6.2. The procurement has concluded with contract now ready for award for an initial term of five years. The contract awards are subject to a Cabinet Member key decision. A Record of Decision has been included as an accompanying paper to this report.

7. Recommendations

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Background Documents:

Reports to Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on:

- 11th October 2016
- 6th December 2016

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