

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Clair Bell, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO:

To be allocated by Democratic Services

For publication

Key decision: Yes

Expenditure which is significant having regard to the budget for the service or function currently defined by the Council as in excess of £1,000,000

Title of Decision: CONTRACT AWARD FOR COMMUNITY BASED WELLBEING SERVICES – PHASE 1

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, I propose to:

- a) **AWARD** contracts for the provision of Community Based Wellbeing Services, to the successful providers identified through the procurement exercise and as detailed in exempt Appendix 1, for a period of three years with the option to extend for further twelve month periods, up to two years;
- b) **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health and the Corporate Director for Finance, to agree the relevant contract extensions as required; and
- c) **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health to take other relevant actions, including but not limited to finalising the terms of and entering into required contracts or other legal agreements, as necessary to implement the decision.

Reason(s) for decision: Adult Social Care has historic grant arrangements in place with voluntary and community sector providers across the county. These grants provide a contribution towards the costs of services that support older people, people living with dementia, people with a physical disability and people with sensory impairments.

There are issues related to use of historic grant arrangements including an inconsistency in the type of support and services funded across the county, lack of correlation between spend and demographic factors, limitations in the ability to monitor the performance of services and therefore to understand the impact that services have on people.

A phased procurement process was commenced early in 2020 to award a number of contracts to replace the historic grant arrangements. The three contracts to be awarded in Phase One will be for services to support older people (55+) in West Kent, support older people in Thanet and South Kent Coast, and support people with sensory impairments across the county.

This decision supports KCC's Strategic Statement through supporting key providers that deliver services to older and vulnerable residents that will ensure they are safe and supported with choices to live independently. This decision relates to the proposal within the Strategic Delivery Plan of

moving organisations from grants to contracts.

This decision supports Kent County Council's Strategic Reset programme by implementing Asset Based Commissioning.

The contracts will enable the Council to meet its duties under the Care Act 2014 by promoting wellbeing for individuals and their Carers, through the provision of information and advice that enables people to make choices about their care, by preventing or delaying people deteriorating to the point where they require health or social care support and through supporting market sustainability.

Financial Implications

In-depth detailed work carried out by the council's Strategic Commissioning and Analytics and Finance Teams at the pre-procurement stage identified the following budgets across the three Contract Lots:

Lot 1 – Universal Wellbeing Services in West Kent

Contract Budget Year 1	Contract Budget Year 2	Contract Budget Year 3	Contract Budget Year 4 (optional)	Contract Budget Year 5 (Optional)	Total
£975,866.17	£980,000.00	£990,000.00	£1,000,000.00	£1,015,000.00	£4,960,866.17

Lot 2 – Universal Wellbeing Services in Thanet and South Kent Coast

Contract Budget Year 1	Contract Budget Year 2	Contract Budget Year 3	Contract Budget Year 4 (optional)	Contract Budget Year 5 (Optional)	Total
£1,231,840.75	£1,235,000.00	£1,240,000.00	£1,245,000.00	£1,250,000.00	£6,201,840.75

Lot 3 - Wellbeing Services in the Community for People with Sensory Impairments

Contract Budget Year 1	Contract Budget Year 2	Contract Budget Year 3	Contract Budget Year 4 (optional)	Contract Budget Year 5 (Optional)	Total
£1,089,532.96	£1,074,000.00	£1,058,000.00	£1,030,000.00	£1,000,000.00	£5,251,532.96

The budget for each contract was reached using financial modelling based on a number of variables, including population estimates by age, rurality, and those affected by dementia and by deprivation, domiciliary care spend and disability benefit claimants.

The term of each of the contracts will run for a minimum of 3 years with the option to extend for further periods of up to 2 years. Based on five years duration the estimated lifetime value of all three of the Phase 1 contracts is £16,414,239.88.

Work has been undertaken in conjunction with Finance colleagues to ensure that the value of all Community Based Wellbeing Services contracts (across Phases 1,2 and 3) will remain within the allocated budget for the contract periods.

Legal Implications: The procurement process has been followed in accordance with Public Contracting Regulations 2015.

Equalities implications: An EqIA has been carried out. Potential for adverse impact on some groups with protected characteristics as a result of this project were identified. Actions have been identified to mitigate these effects, including a contractual performance framework that will ensure outcomes of the contract are monitored and delivered for all groups of people with protected characteristics.

An Equality Analysis/Impact Assessment (EqIA) will be included in the decision paperwork.

Data Protection implications: A DPIA was required and has been completed.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation: The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 25 November 2020 and the outcome included in the paperwork which the Cabinet Member will be asked to sign.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

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signed

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date