

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health

**DECISION NO:**

**16/00038a**

**For publication**

**Subject: School Public Health Services – Contract awards**

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, I propose to agree to award contracts to the successful bidder(s) (from those listed in the exempt appendix to the accompanying report).

**Reason(s) for decision:**

The Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee previously endorsed plans to commission new School Public Health Services across Kent through a competitive procurement process. This procurement process started earlier in 2016 and is being undertaken as part of the wider procurement of the Children's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Services across the county.

The combined annual budget for the first year of the contracts is expected to be approximately £6m 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 will be £29m and the contract award will require a key decision by the Cabinet Member. The new services are due to start operating on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee considered the matter at its meetings on 8 September 2015, 22 January 2016, 22 March 2016 and 5 July 2016 and has previously endorsed the proposed decision to extend the contracts for School Public Health and Young Healthy Minds services until 31 March 2017.

The award of new contracts for the School Public Health service will be discussed by the Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 10 November 2016, and the outcome of that discussion will be included in the paperwork the Cabinet Member will be asked to sign when taking the decision.

**Any alternatives considered:**

A competitive tendering exercise is underway.

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

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