

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	HEALTH VISITING AND SCHOOL NURSING SERVICES: DIRECT AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR 2016/17
Members Present:	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), GJ Powell, PD Price, P Rone.
Date of Decision:	17 March 2016
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
<p>This is a key decision because</p> <p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates.</p>	
<p>Notice has been served in accordance with Part 3, Section 10 (General Exception) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) Regulations 2012.</p>	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To agree direct award in 2016/17 to Wye Valley NHS Trust (WVT) for school nursing and health visiting services to enable service redesign, tender and mobilisation following novation of contracts to the council.

<p>Decision:</p>	<p>That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a contract for the health visiting service for a period of 12 months from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 be directly awarded to the current provider, Wye Valley NHS Trust (WVT), at a value of £2,341,361 per annum; b) a contract for the school nursing service for a period of 12 months from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 be directly awarded to the current provider, Wye Valley NHS Trust, with the council as an associate commissioner to the Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) contract as per existing arrangements, at a value of £513k per annum; and c) by virtue of this decision report an exemption to paragraph 4.6.13.2 of the council's contract procedure rules be approved.
<p>Reasons for the Decision:</p>	<p>To allow sufficient time for a detailed commissioning approach to be developed and procurement to take place for an integrated health visiting and school nursing service to be delivered from 1 April 2017, as part of the wider delivery of the council's and children and young people's partnership strategy for early years and prevention.</p> <p>The continuation of statutory services in their existing form (with some improvements) as a short term measure will allow time for further development work of an integrated early years approach, as part of a broader programme of work across children's wellbeing to align and integrate pathways including primary and community education, development and care.</p>
<p>Options Considered:</p>	<p>To allow the existing contracts to expire on 31 March 2016. This is not recommended as the service would lapse and the council would then have no means by which to provide associated statutory duties.</p> <p>To retender the service in full. This is not recommended as there is not (and has not been since changing the contracts) sufficient time in which to undertake such a procurement process prior to 31 March 2016. In addition, the council needs to review the service specification and allow sufficient time to develop a new approach to delivery, which enables a more integrated model with existing services.</p> <p>To award the contract for a shorter period, such as nine months to 31 December 2016. This is not recommended as this would not allow sufficient time to review and agree the specification and to complete the procurement exercise. In effect, this would</p>

	require the council to retain the existing service specification, thereby losing the opportunity for the necessary redesign.
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):	
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	17 March 2016 <i>Under the Council's Constitution – 4.5.17 Limitations of Call Ins – decisions taken under Regulation 10 General Exception are not subject to call in</i>

<p>COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSONDate: 17 March 2016 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p>
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.