


Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Award of carers service contract
Date of decision:	16th October 2018
Decision maker:	Director of adults and communities
Authority for delegated decision:	The executive decision 'Carers Strategy for Herefordshire' made by Cabinet on the 20/07/2017 authorised the Director to award contracts for carers services for a period of up to five years and a maximum combined value not exceeding £1.23m. http://hc-modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=4673
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	Further to engagement with carers in developing the Joint Carers Strategy for Herefordshire a smaller group of carers have been involved in developing the specification for the newly designed carers service. The tender evaluation panel has also included carer input.
Decision made:	Award a contract to Carers Trust 4All for the provision of a carers service for a period of 5 years at a total cost of £800k.
Reasons for decision:	<p>A newly designed carers service is required to align the delivery of carers services to carers in Herefordshire to the Joint Carers Strategy 2017 – 2021.</p> <p>A fully competitive tender process has been undertaken to identify a provider to deliver this service for a period of five years, starting on the 1st April 2019. Please see attached tender evaluation report for further detail.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Tender Evaluation Report 20.09.18.doc</p> </div>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>Finance Funding for the carers service is already approved as part of the adult and communities budget.</p> <p>Health and safety The commissioned provider will be expected to work to the same health and safety standards and codes of practice as the council, as far as is reasonably practicable.</p> <p>Equality The provision of a commissioned carers service specifically benefits those with the protected characteristics of age, gender and disability. If there were to be no service for carers then older people, women and those with a disability would be at particular risk of a negative impact on their wellbeing.</p> <p>Legal</p>

	The council has conducted an OJEU compliant procurement process and an outcome has been identified based on the results of the evaluation carried out by the Evaluation Panel.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	The alternative option would be not to award a contract for the provision of carers services. This option is not recommended as there would be no specific provision for carers in Herefordshire. This scenario is not a desirable outcome for carers or those that they provide care to. If a service to support carers is not commissioned this would place additional pressures on adult social care capacity and budgets, as well as reputational risk to the council
Details of any declarations of interest made:	No officers or members involved or consulted in the decision-making have declared an interest.

Signed..... Date: / /