

PUBLIC SERVICE TRUST PROJECT INITIATION DOCUMENT

PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITY: CORPORATE STRATEGY AND FINANCE

CABINET

8TH FEBRUARY, 2007

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To note the progress being made in relation to the formation of a Public Service Trust.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Recommendation

THAT the attached Project Initiation Document and Terms of Reference which were approved by the Primary Care Trust Board on Thursday, 25th January, 2006 be approved as a basis for advancing the work on the Public Service Trust.

Reasons

It is important that both the Primary Care Trust and the Council now put in place measures which will enable the provisional dates of 1st October, 2007 and 1st April, 2008 to be met.

Considerations

1. Council agreed, in principle, the arrangements for taking forward the development of a Public Service Trust and approved the arrangements for membership of a Steering Group at its November meeting. That Group has been meeting informally and will meet with its full membership for the first time on Thursday, 1st February, 2007. The attached Project Initiation Document and Terms of Reference provide the framework for a very significant amount of work to be taken forward and have been agreed in draft between the Council and the Primary Care Trust. Formal endorsement of those arrangements is now sought.
2. Rather than prepare a separate report in the normal Cabinet form, there is attached as an appendix the draft joint papers proposed for endorsement by the Council and already endorsed by the Primary Care Trust.

Financial Implications

There are financial implications and the intention is for these to be assessed as part of the overall project. Both parties will want to undertake due diligence enquiries as part of the

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process of understanding the financial stability of the respective partner. There will also be a need to understand the different funding streams available to the respective partners and the overall funding envelope within which the proposal will have to be contained.

This will form part of the Corporate Resource and Finance Working group and will be a key feature of the Steering Group's consideration.

Risk Management

The risks associated with not proceeding were identified in earlier papers and there will be a separate risk assessment of the proposals themselves.

Alternative Options

The alternative option would be for the parties to remain as they currently are, although there would be opportunities for greater integration of the commissioning functions.

Consultees

The consultation to date has been limited to the parties and within their respective organisations. The documentation does, however, include proposals to establish a Communication Consultation, Involvement and Clinical Engagement work stream which would be responsible for advising the Steering Group on the wider consultation on the proposals with the public.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Project Initiation Document and Terms of Reference

Background Papers

None identified.