

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

### Sexual Health Services Tender

<b>Date Of Decision</b>	11 July 2016
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Mr J H Smith, Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Well-Being
<b>Brief Description Of Decision</b>	<p>The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Well-Being:</p> <p>(a) noted the contents of the report, the outcome of the public procurement process and the Equality Impact Assessment;</p> <p>(b) agreed that the contract for sexual health services until the end of March 2020 be awarded to the Worcestershire Health and Care Trust; and</p> <p>(c) authorised the Interim Director of Public Health to finalise the terms of that contract in consultation with the Acting Director of Commercial and Change and take all necessary steps to put it into effect.</p>
<b>Reason(s) For Decision</b>	<p>As set out in the report. In April 2013 upper tier Local Authorities were given new duties, which had formerly sat with the NHS, for improving the health and well-being of the local population, including in relation to sexual health services. On 16 July 2015 the Council's Cabinet approved a range of initial proposals for savings and reinvestment of the public health ring-fenced grant (PHRFG) and delegated a final decision for each service to the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Well-being in discussion with the (then) Director of Adult Services and Health. On 25 November 2015 the Cabinet Member agreed a reduction in the budget available for sexual health services.</p> <p>The Council was required to tender for sexual health services under the requirements of the Local Authority procurement code and public procurement legislation.</p>

	<p>Existing contracts were set to expire in March 2016, and to enable a full tender process to take place, contracts were extended by 6 months and notice given for them to terminate on 30 September 2016.</p> <p>The report confirms that the tender process undertaken to identify the preferred provider has followed the procurement code and procurement process.</p>
<p><b>Alternative Options Considered And Rejected</b></p>	<p>As set out in the report. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 and associated legislation stipulates that Local Authorities have a mandated responsibility to commission open access Sexual Health Services for everyone present in their area covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free sexually transmitted infections (STI) testing and treatment, and notification of sexual partners of infected persons, and</li> <li>• Free contraception and reasonable access to all methods of contraception.</li> </ul> <p>The Sexual Health contracts were novated to the Council in April 2013 from the NHS but had expired. Local Authority procurement code and public procurement legislation required a tender process to enable award of new contracts. To achieve the PHRFG funding reduction a needs assessment recommended a whole systems approach to sexual health provision through a lead provider model to gain efficiencies, eliminate any gaps, to focus on prevention and achieve the required outcomes within reduced funding available.</p> <p>Only one tender bid was received.</p>
<p><b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>Signature of Decision Maker</b></p>	<p>Mr J H Smith</p>