



Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector

***Wednesday, 12 March 2014 at 10.00 am
County Hall, New Road, Oxford***

Items for Decision

The items for decision under individual Cabinet Members' delegated powers are listed overleaf, with indicative timings, and the related reports are attached. Decisions taken will become effective at the end of the working day on Thursday 20 March 2014 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

Copies of the reports are circulated (by e-mail) to all members of the County Council.

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Note: Date of next meeting: 2 April 2014

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Items for Decision

1. **Declarations of Interest**

2. **Questions from County Councillors**

Any county councillor may, by giving notice to the Proper Officer by 9 am two working days before the meeting, ask a question on any matter in respect of the Cabinet Member's delegated powers.

The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

Questions submitted prior to the agenda being despatched are shown below and will be the subject of a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member or such other councillor or officer as is determined by the Cabinet Member, and shall not be the subject of further debate at this meeting. Questions received after the despatch of the agenda, but before the deadline, will be shown on the Schedule of Addenda circulated at the meeting, together with any written response which is available at that time.

3. **Petitions and Public Address**

4. **Commissioning of Services through Public Health Contracts**

(Pages 1 - 2)

Forward Plan Ref: 2014/024

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Report by Director of Public Health (**CMDPHVS4**).

The Council has a statutory obligation to "take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of the people in its area" (s2B National Health Service Act 2006 ("NHS Act 2006") as amended by s12 Health and Social Care Act 2012). This includes "providing services or facilities for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illness" (s 2B (3) (c) NHS Act 2006).

Public Health has a ring fenced budget, and within this an allocation has been made for public health services to prevent and treat Obesity. This information is reported to the Cabinet.

Contracts with current providers expire on 31/3/2014, so a decision is required in order to proceed with procurement arrangements.

Costs of commissioning these services is greater than £500,000 and commitment to incur this expenditure has not previously been made by the Council due to existing contracts having been transferred in on 1 April 2013. For this reason incurring of this expenditure for the commissioning of these services is considered a key decision.

The Cabinet member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector is RECOMMENDED to approve the incurring of expenditure for the commissioning of Children, Families and Young Peoples Healthy Weight Management Services and to delegate to the Director of Public Health, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health and the Voluntary Sector, the authority to determine tenders and contracts in order to secure the provision of services.

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Division(s): N/A

CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR 12 MARCH 2014

PROVISION OF CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND YOUNG PERSONS HEALTHY WEIGHT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Report by the Director of Public Health

Introduction

1. The current commissioning arrangements for the provision of Children, Families and Young Persons Healthy Weight Management services were put in place by the NHS and the contracts with current providers of these services cease on 31 March 2014.
2. In order to guarantee continuation of these services Oxfordshire County Council will need to put in place contract(s) to commence 1 April 2014.
3. The National Child Measurement Programme as a mandated programme for Local Authorities and provides annual data on the number and proportion of underweight, overweight and obese children in Reception and Year 6.
4. These surveillance data tell us that Oxfordshire continues to have rates of obesity which are lower than the national average. However, obesity rates in children more than double (6.4% to nearly 15.2%) between the ages of 4/5 and 10/11.
5. There is a positive correlation between rates of obesity and pockets of deprivation in Oxfordshire. As Oxfordshire is relatively prosperous, these inequalities are sometimes masked by the lower rates in other areas.
6. Children, Families and Young Persons Healthy Weight Management services form the basis of a holistic offer of support to children and families and are a key component of the Children's Obesity Care Pathway.
7. These services contribute to Oxfordshire County Councils strategic objective to support healthy and thriving communities.
8. Oxfordshire County Council procurement process would be followed to commission these services.

Exempt Information

There is no exempt information contained within this report.

Legal Implications

9. The Council has a statutory obligation to “take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of the people in its area” (s2B National Health Service Act 2006 (“NHS Act 2006”) as amended by s12 Health and Social Care Act 2012). This includes “providing services or facilities for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illness” (s 2B (3) (c) NHS Act 2006).

The procurement of the Contract for the provision of Children, Families and Young Persons Healthy Weight Management Services would be in fulfilment of the Council's statutory obligations.

Financial and Staff Implications

10. Public Health has a ring fenced budget which is approximately £25 million per year.
11. Money is already committed to paying for Obesity prevention and treatment services. This information is already reported to the Cabinet.
12. The maximum budget for these services is £600k (£200K per annum, for 2 years with an option to extend for a further year).

RECOMMENDATION

13. **The Cabinet member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector is RECOMMENDED to approve the incurring of expenditure for the commissioning of Children, Families and Young Peoples Healthy Weight Management Services and to delegate to the Director of Public Health, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health and the Voluntary Sector, the authority to determine tenders and contracts in order to secure the provision of services.**

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Background Papers: Nil

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