

***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Public Health & the
Voluntary Sector - Wednesday, 25 June 2014***

Statement of Decision

Present:

Councillor Hilary Hibbert-Biles, Cabinet Member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector

Officers: Jo Melling and Dr Rebecca Cooper (Public Health); Ruth Ashwell (Children, Education & Families); Julie Dean (Chief Executive's Office)

Also in attendance:

Other Members: Councillor Glynis Phillips

Provision of Adult Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Documentation considered:

Report Provision of Adult Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

A copy is attached to the signed copy of this decision.

Questions from County Councillors

From Councillor Glynis Phillips to Cabinet Member

Question

Is there more information available about how a 'prime provider' contract would work? For example would they subcontract services themselves so that if a secondary provider failed to meet targets the prime provider could tender for another secondary provider possibly for less money? and how would the specifications be different from the current NHS contract?

Answer

The Prime Provider may sub contract elements of the contract, they will outline this within the tender process. The Council will retain the right to agree subcontracting arrangements, which will include provider suitability and viability checks and any alterations to their sub-contracting arrangement.

The Current Contracts are with both the NHS and the Voluntary sector providers. The difference from the current specification is for one integrated service, which following our consultations need to:

- Improve information and advice to families
- Provide better support for families
- Improve services for people with complex needs,
- Have a better range of service delivered across the county
- Have access to education training and employment
- Ensure service users are supported to access mutual aid.

Jo Melling presented the report with particular reference to the consultation responses, the essence of which was that a more localised approach to services was wanted. Councillor Hibbert - Biles considered the report, commenting that integration of services was proving to be a successful way forward.

Decision

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me, the representations made to me and the further considerations set out above, I confirm my decisions on this matter as follows:

to approve the incurring of expenditure for the commissioning of Adult Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services and to delegate to the Director of Public Health, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector, the authority to determine tenders and contracts in order to secure the provision of services.

Signed
Cabinet Member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector

Date

Smoking Cessation Programme

Documentation considered:

Report Smoking Cessation Programme

A copy is attached to the signed copy of this decision.

Questions from County Councillors

Question from Councillor Glynis Phillips

Question

The statistic that two-thirds of smoking adults become addicted before they are 18 years old is troubling. There is the issue of where the adolescents are getting cigarettes given the restrictions on sales and whether multi-agency work in this area is effective or has a high enough profile? Is there a specific target for quitters under the age of 18?

Answer

Where are adolescents getting cigarettes given the restrictions on sales?

Tobacco may be available from:

- Parents/adults who smoke
- Shops who are not adhering to Trading Standards enforcement or
- Other sources such as the internet/local community/black market. These areas are enforced by HMRC (and Trading Standards if not properly packaged).

Multi-agency work in this area

- The Oxfordshire Tobacco Alliance includes representatives from Trading Standards, who have links with HMRC.
- The Oxfordshire Smoking Advice Service campaign advocating for Smoke Free Cars and Homes may reduce access to tobacco products by adolescents at home. This campaign is promoted to Health Visitors and other stakeholders.

There is currently no target for under 18 year quitters.

Dr Cooper presented the report highlighting the intention to build on the strengths of the core services already in place by integrating early preventative outreach work. Cllr Hibbert-Biles commented that an example of this early prevention control was the larger role now being played by the School Health Nurses in this programme.

Decision

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me, the representations made to me and the further considerations set out above, I confirm my decisions on this matter as follows:

to approve the incurring of expenditure for the commissioning of the Smoking Cessation Programme 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.

Signed
Cabinet Member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector

Date

Chill Out Fund 2014/15 - June 2014

Documentation considered:

Report Chill Out Fund 2014/15 - June 2014

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Ruth Ashwell presented the report. Cllr Hibbert-Biles considered the applications in turn as set out in the report and decided as follows:

Decision

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me, the representations made to me and the further considerations set out above, I confirm my decisions on this matter as follows:

To approve the following awards (amount awarded in brackets):

- 28th Oxford Scout Group – ‘Roof Replacement’ project (£1,000)
- Adventure Plus – ‘New Biking Equipment for Young People’ project (£500)
- South & Vale Carers Centre – ‘South & Vale Young Carers project (£4,963)
- 1st Wallingford Boys’ Brigade & Girls’ Association – ‘Camp 2014’ project (£445)
- Freeland Football Club – ‘Youth Football’ project (£500)
- Angelmead Explorer Scout – ‘2014 Malta’ project (£1,000)
- The Nature Effect – ‘Girls Mentoring Circle’ project (£1,131)
- Madley Park Residents Association – ‘Madley Park Teen Zone’ project (£1,000)
- Deddington On Air – ‘Radio for Youth’ project (£0)

Signed
Cabinet Member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector

Date