

# **OXFORDSHIRE DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & INEQUALITIES**

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on Tuesday, 4 July 2023 commencing at 9.30 am and finishing at 10.00 am

**Present:**

Councillor Michael O'Connor – in the Chair

*The Council considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and decided as set out below. Except insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda and reports, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.*

**1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

(Agenda Item 1)

There were no declarations of interest.

**2 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

(Agenda Item 2)

There were no questions submitted.

**3 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS**

(Agenda Item 3)

There were no petitions or requests to speak.

**4 COMMISSIONING ON INTEGRATED HEALTHY CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

(Agenda Item 4)

The Cabinet Member considered a report on the proposed contract for a Healthy Child and Young Person Public Health Service in Oxfordshire.

Donna Husband, Head of Public Health Programmes, summarised the report. This service was about giving children the best start in life, working with families to identify needs as they arise. There were currently four contracts covering seven services that would end in 2024. The aim was to have integrated services including social care, education providers and the NHS. The total contract value over seven years will be £87.5m.

Donna Husband responded to questions from Councillor O'Connor as follows:

- This was currently in the tender process following consultation, with the intention of awarding the contract by September.
- It was not a case of extending current contracts but going out to competitive tender.

The Cabinet Member approved the recommendations.

**RESOLVED to:**

**Approve the budget and delegate authority to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Head of Legal and Deputy Monitoring Officer to award and complete the contract for a Healthy Child and Young Person Public Health Service in Oxfordshire as referred to in this report following the conclusion of a procurement exercise pursuant to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.**

**5 PROCUREMENT OF HOUSING SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT SERVICE**

(Agenda Item 5)

The Cabinet Member received a report on the commissioning of the Housing and Health Single Point of Contact (HSPoC).

The report was summarised by Katharine Eveleigh, Health Improvement Practitioner. Good housing was a key determinant of health. NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence) guidance recommends the commissioning of a single point of contact for housing condition related issues. The Public Health Team has agreed to continue to fund the service and the City and District Councils will also contribute.

Katharine Eveleigh responded to questions from Councillor O'Connor as follows:

- While the service was mainly a telephone advice line it would be linked to the wider system, referring to other services and working in partnership with other advice services including the NHS. It also included home visits in cases where vulnerable residents may not wish to discuss problems over the phone.
- Direct provision by the Council was considered but it was not deemed to meet the success criteria.
- The core offer was for £130,000 but the figure of £1.5m was the total value of the contract should other sources of funding become available.

Councillor O'Connor asked for it to be noted the importance of cooperating with other services to avoid duplication or fragmentation. He approved the recommendations.

**RESOLVED to**

- a) **Approve the commission of the Housing and Health Single Point of Contact (HSPoC) via the appropriate procurement route to the value of £520,000 over four years and up to £1.5 million.**
  
- b) **delegate authority to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Head of Legal and Deputy Monitoring Officer to award and complete the contract for the Housing and Health Single Point of Contact as referred to in this report following the conclusion of a procurement exercise pursuant to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.**

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Date of signing .....