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1. Description of decision

To award a contract for Community Health Services for Children, Young People and Adults which includes the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme to East London NHS Foundation Trust, and delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, following consultation with the Mayor and Portfolio Holder for Public Health, to agree the detailed terms in order to meet the required timescales allowing the contract to be operational by April 2018.

2. Date of decision

15th November 2017

3. Reasons for decision

The re-procurement of Community Health Services for Children, Young People and Adults presents an excellent opportunity to deliver services which are person-centred and improve outcomes. Care will be delivered closer to home, support the best start in life for children, promote self-management and independence, ultimately reducing unnecessary admissions to acute or residential care.

The award of the contract and delegation to the Director of Public Health to agree the detailed terms will enable the required procurement timescales to be met and allow the contract to be operational by April 2018.

4. Alternatives considered and rejected

None.

5. How decision is to be funded

The 0-19 Healthy Child Programme (total value for Bedford Borough Council £2,634,001 per annum) will be funded from the public health grant. Adult Intermediate Care and Rapid Intervention services will be funded by Bedford Borough Council (£237,710 in total, with a £100,000 contribution from the Better Care Fund).

6. Conflicts of interest

Name of all Executive members who were consulted AND declared a conflict of interest.	Nature of interest	Did Standards Committee give a dispensation for that conflict of interest? (If yes, give details and date of dispensation)	Did the Chief Executive give a dispensation for that conflict of interest? (If yes, give details and the date of the dispensation).

The Mayor has been consulted on this decision

Yes.

Signed Dave Hodgson Date ... 15th November 2017..... Name of Decision Taker ... Mayor Dave Hodgson.....

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Date decision published: 15th November 2018

Date decision can be implemented if not called in: 27th November 2018

(Decision to be made exempt from call in.....~~YES~~ or NO.....)

Bedford Borough Council – Mayor/Executive Decision

Report By: The Director of Public Health

Date: 15th November 2017

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS INCLUDING THE 0-19 HEALTHY CHILD PROGRAMME - AUTHORISATION TO AWARD CONTRACT

1. Executive Summary

This report proposes that the Mayor awards the contract for Community Health Services for Children, Young People and Adults which includes the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme to East London NHS Foundation Trust, and delegates authority to the Director of Public Health, following consultation with the Mayor and Portfolio Holder for Public Health, to agree the detailed terms in order to meet the required timescales allowing the contract to be operational by April 2018.

2. Recommendations

The Mayor is requested to award a contract for Community Health Services which includes the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme to East London NHS Foundation Trust and delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, following consultation with the Mayor and Portfolio Holder for Public Health, to agree the detailed terms in order to meet the required timescales allowing the contract to be operational by April 2018.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The re-procurement of Community Health Services for Children, Young People and Adults presents an excellent opportunity to deliver services which are person-centred and improve outcomes. Care will be delivered closer to home, support the best start in life for children, promote self-management and independence, ultimately reducing unnecessary admissions to acute or residential care.
- 3.2 The award of the contract and delegation to the Director of Public Health to agree the detailed terms will enable the required procurement timescales to be met and allow the contract to be operational by April 2018.

4. Key Implications

Legal Issues

- 4.1 Local Authorities have since 1 April 2013 been responsible for commissioning the 5-19 Healthy Child Programme (School Nursing Services). In October 2015 responsibility for commissioning the 0-5 Healthy Child Programme (Health Visiting Services) transferred from NHS England to local authorities.
- 4.2 The proposed contract length is 5 years with the option of a 2 year extension. The contract should also provide the flexibility to incorporate additional elements in the future that could help deliver better outcomes for local residents, such as integrated services.

Policy Issues

- 4.3 It was agreed by the Executive on 15 June 2016:

“That the re-procurement of Community Health Services for Children (including the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme), Young People and Adults led by BCCG, in collaboration with the relevant officers from the Council and Central Bedfordshire Council, be supported, subject to the Council achieving value for money and the best outcomes for Bedford Borough residents.”

- 4.4 It was agreed by the Executive on 7 September 2016 that:

“That this Council, Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) and Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (BCCG) enter into a partnership arrangement for the procurement of Community Health Services for Children, Young People and Adults, subject to this Council achieving value for money and the best outcomes for Bedford Borough residents.”

- 4.5 and

“That the Director of Public Health, following consultation with the Mayor and the Portfolio Holder for Public Health, be authorised to proceed with the re-procurement of the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme.”

Resource Implications

- 4.6 The total annual contract value of the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme is £6,529,501, of which £2,634,001 relates to Bedford Borough Council (BBC). The contract also includes £237,710 for BBC-commissioned intermediate care and rapid intervention services, which includes a £100,000 contribution from the Better Care Fund. The budgets and commissioning arrangements for the Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (BCCG) and Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)-led services will remain separate but aligned.

Risk Implications

- 4.7 Failure to delegate the decision to award the contract could delay the process and reduce the likelihood of successful mobilisation by April 2018. This would delay the benefits to residents of the transformed services, and delay the financial impact of any efficiencies achieved during re-procurement.

Environmental Implications

- 4.8 None.

Equalities Impact

- 4.9 A relevance test for equality was completed, which determined that this activity has no relevance to BBC's duty to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; to advance equality of opportunity; and to foster good relations.

BCCG has undertaken an Equalities Impact Assessment as part of the procurement process in consultation with this Council and CBC.

5. **Details**

Introduction

- 5.1 Community Health Services for Children, Young People and Adults in Bedford Borough are currently provided by Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust, and the contract is due to end on 31 March 2018. The re-procurement of these services provides an excellent opportunity to improve outcomes and deliver person-centred services, and the contract extension permits sufficient time for re-procurement and contract mobilisation.
- 5.2 Evidence from around the country provides some support for the conclusion that joint working between health providers and local authorities has the potential to provide benefits in service quality and cost efficiency. It is noted that the most successful partnerships tend to have clear and transparent structures and governance.
- 5.3 In light of the evidence of potential benefits which may arise from partnership working in this context, BCCG, CBC and this Council have developed a vision for local community services, which has resulted in the need for substantial change to the way services are currently arranged and delivered.

Scope of Community Health Services

- 5.4 There are two separate elements of Community Health Services for Children and Young People:
- 5.5 One element is the Healthy Child Programme which is currently delivered as part of an integrated 0-19 service led by Health Visitors and School Nurses. This is commissioned by Public Health in CBC on behalf of both CBC and BBC.
- 5.6 The second element is a range of specialist community services including community paediatricians, the Looked After Children Health Team, Special Schools School Nursing Service and Allied Health Professionals such as Speech and Language Therapists. These are commissioned by BCCG.
- 5.7 Maternity Services, which are also commissioned by BCCG, are not in scope as they are included within the acute contracts. Education and Children's Social Care are not in scope.
- 5.8 Community Health Services for Adults includes a number of CCG-funded services including Multi-Disciplinary Teams, Specialist Nursing, Allied Health Professionals, Community Geriatricians, Self-Management and Step-up / Step-down beds. It also includes Intermediate Care and Rapid Intervention services which are funded by BBC with a part contribution from the Better Care Fund.

5.9 Whilst it may be possible in the future to integrate some of BBC's adult social care services into the CHS contract it is not proposed at this time, given the timescales required to tender these services for a 1 April 2018 start date. Rather officers will work with BCCG to align adult social care services to the vision of a more integrated system that will emerge from the ongoing discussions on developing an integrated health and social care system.

Principles for Service Delivery

5.10 Principles for service delivery have been developed in collaboration with stakeholders. The principles for Children and Young People's Community Health services including the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme are to:

- Be child and family focused
- Focus upon prevention and early intervention
- Be integrated
- Provide accessible and flexible service
- Communicate and share information
- Be evidence based and best value

5.11 The principles for Adult's Community Health Services are to deliver:

- Care that is co-ordinated around the needs of patients, carers and service users
- A workforce that is empowered, skilled and has the right competencies
- Patients who have confidence to take control of their situation
- Services that can be flexible to meet individual needs
- Information shared across organisations to support patient care and good commissioning
- Prevention through all services

Re-procurement

5.12 The procurement process has been led by Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group in partnership with BBC and CBC, under a partnership arrangement. The procurement has been run in accordance with EU procurement rules, patient choice and competition regulations, and a team of independent procurement specialists has provided expert guidance to ensure the process is fair and transparent.

5.13 The Invitation to Participate in Dialogue (ITPD) and Invitation to Continue Dialogue (ITCD) phases have been completed, and four providers submitted their bids in early September. It is anticipated that the preferred provider will be identified in mid-October, and permission to advise the successful bidder and award the contract is required by early November. This will enable the required procurement timescales to be met and allow the contract to be operational by April 2018.

6. Summary Of Consultations And Outcome

6.1 The following Council units or Officers and/or other organisations have been consulted in preparing this report: Chief Executive; Director of Adult's Services.

No adverse comments have been received.

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