

THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 2015

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**IMPROVING WELLBEING IN TAMWORTH COMMISSIONING PROSPECTUS OUTCOME****EXEMPT INFORMATION****PURPOSE**

To inform Cabinet of the outcomes from the 'Improving Wellbeing in Tamworth Commissioning' exercise.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the decision to award contracts to the organisations set out in appendix 1, subject to the voluntary standstill period, in line with the Council's financial guidance.
2. Authorises the Commissioning Hub to go back out to tender for the outstanding monies not awarded in Lot 2, (including any additional partner funding identified) and delegates authority to the Commissioning Hub to award contracts to the successful bidders.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Cabinet at its meeting on 11 December 2014 established a Tamworth Locality Commissioning Hub and delegated authority to the Chief Executive, and the Directors of Housing and Health and Communities Planning and Partnerships to manage multi-agency commissioning exercises on behalf of the Commissioning Hub and the Tamworth Strategic Partnership (TSP).

Operating under the Council's financial regulations and the management of the Hub, Tamworth Borough Council advertised the Improving Wellbeing in Tamworth Commissioning Prospectus on 14 November 2014. The Commissioning Prospectus, with funding of £555,000 over 2 years, was divided into four Lots:

- Lot 1 Living well; interventions that promote healthy living
- Lot 2 Community empowerment; interventions that engage with and empower communities to take control
- Lot 3 Increasing aspiration; interventions that raise individual and community aspirations to make positive changes
- Lot 4 Early interventions for vulnerable groups

The decision to create four lots was to ensure that all funding partners within a pooled budget should secure the necessary outcomes for their key priorities.

The closing date for tenders was 23 January 2015. The Council received 47 tenders and the four multi-agency evaluation panels were held w/c 2 and w/c 9 February 2015. The results of the four evaluation panels were reported to the Commissioning Hub at its meeting on 26 February 2015. The evaluation process was very challenging due to the large number and excellent quality of the proposals submitted by a wide range of organisations.

Awards have been made in Lots 1, 3 and 4 as set out in appendix 1. No bids were successful in Lot 2. Therefore funding is available for a future commissioning process. The Hub will identify the area(s) of need for this funding at its meeting in March and a new prospectus will be issued in April. There will be an opportunity for commissioners to identify any other funding available which could be included/pooled in this process.

Following discussions with the successful bidders on the performance management arrangements required, it is expected that contracts will be signed w/c 16 March or 23 March 2015. Services will commence 1 April 2015. In order to accommodate partner funding requirements, the length of the contracts will be 1 year with an option to extend for a further 1 year.

Locality Commissioning as evidenced by the 'Improving Wellbeing in Tamworth Prospectus', supports the Council's new integrated Demand Management Operating Model. In essence we are commissioning services to achieve agreed outcomes, not just as the Council, but as a partner using shared resources in a targeted manner to achieve shared outcomes agreed on the basis of evidence – the alignment of supply to demand.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

A 'lessons learnt' exercise at both a Tamworth and Staffordshire wide level will be undertaken to evaluate the different commissioning methods taken by each district/borough. Opportunities to share learning will help in the review of Tamworth's approach for future commissioning exercises.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The total funding identified to support the 'Improving Wellbeing in Tamworth' Commissioning Prospectus over the two financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17 is: (£277,500 each year)

PCC Locality Deal Fund	£ 70,000
Building Resilient Families reward grant (SCC)	£ 67,000
Public Health district grant	£228,000
CCG district grant monies	£150,000
Community Cohesion funds (held in TBC reserves)	£ 20,000
Lifecheck/PCT funds (held in TBC reserves)	£ 20,000
Total	£555,000

A new cost centre has been established to hold this partnership funding.

Funding has been secured to fund the first year of the contracts and the option to extend the contracts for a further year will only be taken up once year 2 funding has

been confirmed from the relevant funding partners and the partnership is satisfied with the performance and continuing need for the services.

The awards made as set out in the recommendation to Cabinet are within the funding available for year 1.

LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND

TBC is the accountable body for the Improving Wellbeing in Tamworth Commissioning exercise. In order to mitigate the risks associated with this, the contracts issued will be for one year with the option to extend for a second year subject to the funding from partners being secured.

Partner representatives will be involved in the performance management of the contracts and will sign off the performance indicators set out in each contract to ensure that partners will be confident that their required outcomes will be delivered. The Commissioning Hub will be responsible for the performance management of the contracts let under this commissioning exercise and the Hub will provide regular updates to the TSP,

The Commissioning Hub oversees the risk register for locality commissioning.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The Commissioning Hub will oversee the progress of the services secured through this commissioning exercise over the life of the contracts. Reports will be taken to the TSP at key decision points.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Most of the other Districts/Boroughs in Staffordshire have carried out locality commissioning exercises. Each one has been managed differently. The Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board has set up a Strategic Locality Leads group to share learning and evaluate outcomes from this new way of commissioning services.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Scheme of Delegation, Report of the Leader of the Council, Locality Commissioning – Single Commissioning Process – published 18 November 2014.

Cabinet report – PUBLIC SECTOR COMMISSIONING PROGRESS REPORT - 11
December 2014

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Contract awards under the Improving Wellbeing in Tamworth Commissioning Prospectus