

THURSDAY, 9 JULY 2015

**REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL****LOCALITY COMMISSIONING - EMOTIONAL WELLBEING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN  
AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN TAMWORTH****EXEMPT INFORMATION****PURPOSE**

To inform Cabinet of the outcome from the second 'Improving Wellbeing in Tamworth Commissioning' exercise and provide Cabinet with a financial statement on Council and partner funding for Locality Commissioning.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the decision to award the contract, in line with the Council's financial guidance with details of successful tender provided in Appendix 3 to follow, and
2. Notes the current financial position with regard to Council and partner funding for Locality Commissioning

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**Locality Commissioning Cycle 2

The Commissioning Hub reviewed the outcomes from the first locality commissioning exercise and decided to commence a second round of commissioning to allocate the under-spend available from partner funding. The under-spend occurred as no awards were made in Lot 2. Only two bids were submitted in Lot 2, neither of which could demonstrate achievement of the required outcomes. This position was reported to Cabinet at its meeting on 12 March 2015. The Hub had identified emotional wellbeing for children and young people as a priority in the Prospectus but this important need remained a gap in provision as no services were secured in the first round of commissioning to address this priority. Both national and Tamworth locality data indicate that the numbers of children and young people experiencing emotional wellbeing/mental health difficulties is increasing. The demand for Tier 3 community Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) is high and that a different approach is required to reduce the numbers of children and young people who need to access these types of services. It is also recognised that the current offer of Tier 2 provision across Tamworth could be significantly enhanced. Therefore the new service will achieve this. A copy of the specification is attached as Appendix 1

Following discussions with Tamworth High Schools and South Staffordshire College,

specialist commissioning officers drafted the specification. Additional funding contributions were promised from Tamworth Secondary Schools, SCC adult mental health service and Tamworth’s Community Safety Partnership. A co-production workshop was held with a significant number of potential providers prior to the issue of the tender to ensure that the requirements in the specification could be met by the market. The invitation to tender was issued by the Council on 18 May. Five tenders were received by the deadline of Friday 19 June. A multi-agency evaluation panel scored the tenders w/c 22 and 29 June. Details of the successful tender is provided in Appendix 3.

**OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

As Members are aware, money from the Council and partners for the Locality Commissioning Prospectus has been pooled and is held in one separate cost centre to ensure openness and transparency.

The table below sets out the current position:

	£	
Funding available for first Locality Commissioning exercise 2015/16 to 2016/17	<b>555,000</b>	
Funding allocated in year 1 15/16	-225,469	11 contracts awarded
Funding allocated in year 2 16/17	-231,403	11 contracts awarded with year 2 uplift
Total funding remaining	<b>98,128</b>	
Additional funding secured for emotional wellbeing tender 15/16	32,583	from Adult Mental Health Services at SCC, Tamworth Community Safety Partnership and Tamworth High Schools
Additional funding secured for emotional wellbeing tender 16/17	25,000	Tamworth Community Safety Partnership
Total funding available for emotional wellbeing	<b>155,711</b>	
Funding allocated year 1 15/16 to the tier 2 emotional wellbeing service for CYP	-46,667	7 months - September to March
Funding allocated year 2 16/17 to the tier 2 emotional wellbeing service for CYP	-80,000	full year
Funding not allocated and available to support new priorities identified following the EJSNA in 2016	<b>29,044</b>	

## **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 contract to be issued by the Council is for 7 months (September 2015 to March 2016) with the option to extend for a second year subject to the funding from partners being secured. This brings the emotional wellbeing contract in line with the 11 contracts issued in the first commissioning exercise.

There is a significant risk to the locality commissioning exercise as a whole if the second year of funding is not provided by partner agencies despite initial assurances. The Council is protected from any financial risk by all contracts terminating in March 2016 with an option to extend for a second year. Officers will enter into dialogue with the funding partners this autumn to secure clarity on funding available for the second year. Any failure to take up the option of a second year will need to be managed closely and services sensitively de-commissioned to minimise disruption to services provided to some of our most vulnerable residents.

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

## **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. If the option to extend the current contracts for the second year is taken up, these contracts finish on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

Discussions in summer 2016 with funding partners will identify if there is an appetite to continue with pooling funds for a further round of locality commissioning from April 2017. Cabinet will be advised of the outcome of these discussions and approval sought for officers to manage the de-commissioning of these contracts and/or any further locality commissioning activity. Contractors will be advised of the outcome of these decisions; 3 months notice given, and appropriate support will be provided to the contractors to facilitate the termination of the contracts and in identifying any future commissioning opportunities.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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 and Cabinet on 12 March 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 were made in Lots 1, 3 and 4. Only two bids were submitted in Lot 2, neither of which could demonstrate achievement of the required outcomes. Following discussions with the successful bidders in Lots 1, 3 and 4 on the performance indicators required, contracts were signed in mid March. Services commenced 1 April 2015. In order to accommodate partner funding requirements, the length of the contracts are 1 year with an option to extend for a further 1 year.

To facilitate networking and to raise awareness between providers and between providers and commissioners, a Commissioned Services Information Event was held on 28 April 2015. This was very positively received. Details on the 11 successful providers and referral routes into the services commissioned by the Hub are provided in Appendix 2 of this report.

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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

Cabinet report - Improving Wellbeing in Tamworth Commissioning Prospectus Outcome - 12 March 2015

#### **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Tier 2 Emotional Wellbeing services for children and young people specification

Appendix 2 - 11 successful providers and referral routes into the services commissioned



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