

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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| Subject: | Adult weight management |
| Total Value: | See exempt appendix (Type: Revenue) |
| Decision Being Taken: | <p>Digital weight management app Approve the spend listed in the exempt appendix over a 12-month period (expected to commence in December 2018) for citizen access to an adult weight management digital app. Approve the award of the contract to the organisation listed in the exempt appendix. Delegate authority to the Provider, Performance and Development Manager to sign and enter the contract.</p> <p>Adult weight management on referral Approve the spend listed in the exempt appendix over a 12-month period (expected to commence in December 2018) for adult weight management on referral. The service will deliver at least 12 group support sessions focusing on lifelong lifestyle change and the prevention of future weight gain. Approve the procurement of a contract through obtaining quotations from potential providers. Delegate authority to the Head of Contracting and Procurement to award the outcome of the quotation process and delegate authority to the Provider, Procurement and Development Manager to sign the contract.</p> |
| Reasons for the Decision(s) | <p>Happier Healthier Lives, Nottingham City's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2020, sets out a joint ambition to achieve healthy lifestyles. The strategy commits to priority actions of improving physical activity, diet and nutrition and supporting citizens to achieve and maintain a healthy weight. Nottingham is not achieving some of the key performance indicators associated with these actions.</p> <p>Digital weight management app Recent evidence suggests web-based interventions are promising approaches for weight management. A 2016 Lancet article concluded web-based interventions are cost-effective and comparable in outcomes to the best performing interventions evaluated in primary care settings.</p> <p>Adult weight management on referral There is a strong body of evidence in support of weight loss achieved at 12 months for a number of readily available weight management interventions, including commercial groups. Adult weight management on referral provided by commercial groups has achieved cost-effective positive outcomes in Nottingham City in previous years. Carrying out a quotation process will enable the Council to identify a provider offering value for money.</p> |

Other Options Considered: To make no financial contribution to reducing obesity has been rejected because obesity continues to be a priority and obesity measures are not showing improvement.
Digital weight management app Other organisations offering digital weight management interventions have been rejected because of lack of evidence of effectiveness and/or because the prices exceed the budget.
Adult weight management on referral Options to provide alternative weight management programmes were rejected because the chosen intervention has been shown to be impactful and it is comparably cost effective with local evidence in previous years that supports this.

Background Papers: None.

Published Works: None.

Affected Wards: Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None.

Any Information Exempt from publication: Yes

Exempt Information:

Description of what is exempt:
The value of the decision is exempt because the publication of this information may affect the quotations for the adult weight management on referral element of the offer and the pricing of the digital weight management app.
The name of the organisation the digital weight management app contract would be awarded to is exempt because, whilst initial discussions have taken place, negotiations with the organisation are still ongoing and publication of the organisation and the value of the contract may impact upon pricing.

An appendix (or appendices) to this decision is exempt from publication under the following paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because disclosure could impact on pricing and therefore value for money of the contract.

Documents exempt from publication:

Adult weight management DDM exempt document.docx

Consultations:

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

None

Equality:

EIA not required. Reasons: An EIA was completed last calendar year and the findings have been considered in the development of these proposals.

Regard for NHS Constitution:

Local authorities have a statutory duty to have regard to the NHS Constitution when exercising their public health functions under the NHS Act 2006. In making this decision relating to public health functions, we have properly considered the NHS Constitution where applicable and have taken into account how it can be applied in order to commission services to improve the health of the local community.

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

06/11/2018

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

The proposals in this report raise no significant legal issues and are supported.

It is understood the proposal to award the contract for the Weight Management App is of low value and risk and can be awarded in line with the Council's constitutional requirements without the need for a quotation or tender process.

The Adult Weight Management Referral Contract will be established following a compliant quotation process which legal services will assist alongside procurement colleagues to reflect the Council's requirements. Advice provided by Dionne Claire Screamon (Solicitor) on 27/09/2018.

Finance Advice:

The spend (value included in exempt appendix) over a 12 month period on the proposed Digital Weight Management App and Adult Weight Management contracts will be contained within Public Health funding included in the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan. The proposed contract options adhere to the council's constitutional requirements and will ensure that value for money is delivered. Service provision post the 12 month contract period will be subject to further approval through the appropriate governance process. Advice provided by Darren Reville (Senior Commercial Business Partner) on 05/10/2018.

Procurement Advice:

Procurement have been consulted in relation to the development of these decisions relating to Adult Weight Management contracts. We support the direct award of a contract to the provider of a Digital Weight Management App and the Procurement Team will manage the quotation process to secure a provider for the Adult Weight Management on Referral contract. Advice provided by Nicola Harrison (Procurement Lead Officer) on 27/09/2018.

Signatures

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| Sam Webster (PH for Adult Social Care and Health) |
| SIGNED and Dated: 29/10/2018 |
| Alison Challenger (Director of Public Health) |
| SIGNED and Dated: 23/10/2018 |