



LEAD MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

DECISIONS to be made by the Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health,
Councillor Carl Maynard

THURSDAY, 20 APRIL 2023 AT 11.00 AM

REMOTE MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

AGENDA

1. Decisions made by the Lead Member on 2 March 2023 (*Pages 3 - 4*)
2. Disclosure of interests
Disclosure by all Members present of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Members regard the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.
3. Urgent items
Notification of any items which the Lead Member considers urgent and proposes to take at the appropriate part of the agenda.
4. Recommissioning of Specialist Sexual Health Services (SSHS) (*Pages 5 - 6*)
Report by the Director of Public Health.
5. Any urgent items previously notified under agenda item 3

PHILIP BAKER
Assistant Chief Executive
County Hall, St Anne's Crescent
LEWES BN7 1UE

12 April 2023

Contact Belinda Trunfull, 01273 335230,

Email: Belinda.Trunfull@eastsussex.gov.uk

NOTE: *As part of the County Council's drive to increase accessibility to its public meetings, this meeting will be broadcast live on its website. The live broadcast is accessible at:*
www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/webcasts/default

This page is intentionally left blank

LEAD MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health, Councillor Carl Maynard, on 2 March 2023 at Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Councillor John Ungar spoke on item 5 (see minute 36)

31. DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD MEMBER ON 31 OCTOBER 2022

31.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2022.

32. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

32.1 Councillor Carl Maynard declared a personal non prejudicial interest stating he is an elected Member of Rother District Council.

32.2 Councillor Johanna Howell declared a personal non prejudicial interest stating she is an elected Member of Wealden District Council.

32.3 Councillor John Unger declared a personal non prejudicial interest for item 4 stating that a relative administers the fund on behalf of a Local Authority.

33. URGENT ITEMS

33.1 There were none.

34. REPORTS

34.1 Copies of the reports referred to below are included in the minute book.

35. HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

35.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care and Health regarding the proposed use of the Household Support Fund, to provide support to households with pensioners, households with a disabled person and other vulnerable households between 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024.

DECISIONS

35.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

- 1) approve the proposed use of £1,844,500 of the Household Support Fund, to provide support to households with pensioners, households with a disabled person and other vulnerable households between 1 April – 31 March 2024; and
- 2) delegate to the Director of Adult Social Care and Health authority to take all actions necessary to implement the scheme.

REASONS

35.3 The scheme provides a further opportunity to extend the support to households with pensioners, households with a disabled person and other vulnerable households within East Sussex who are experiencing financial challenges.

36. MARKET SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

36.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care and Health regarding the Market Sustainability Plan.

DECISIONS

36.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to agree the draft of the final Market Sustainability Plan attached at Appendix 1 of the report.

REASONS

36.3 The Department of Health and Social Care requires Local Authorities with responsibility for Adult Social Care services to submit and publish a Market Sustainability Plan.

Report to: Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health
Date of meeting: 20 April 2023
By: Director of Public Health
Title: Recommissioning of Specialist Sexual Health Services (SSHS)
Purpose: To inform the Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health of the proposed re-procurement of Specialist Sexual Health Services (SSHS) and request the approval of this re-procurement.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Lead member is recommended to:

- 1) Approve the re-procurement of Specialist Sexual Health Services; and
 - 2) Delegate the award of contract to the Director of Adult Social Care and Health to award the contract.
-

1. Background

- 1.1 Specialist Sexual Health Services (SSHS) are currently provided by East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) via a contract variation ending in March 2024.
- 1.2 SSHS have been subject to a service redesign as a result of a formal public consultation. The redesign focused on a channel shift in services to a stronger online service offer. The consultation responses were positive. A result of this remodel is a reduced contractual value for the SSHS.
- 1.3 The current contract started on 1 April 2016 with an original end date of 31 March 2021, with a value of £2,770,756 per annum.
- 1.4 The COVID-19 pandemic started in March 2020, with resultant impacts affecting the re-procurement timetable. Under the Procurement Regulations 2015, emergency contract extensions were put in place up to 30 September 2022.
- 1.5 The SSHS contract was advertised for re-tender in 2021 as a 3 year contract, with an option to extend for a further two years, with a total value of £11,300,000 or £2,260,000 per annum.
- 1.6 The tender for this contract on the open market in 2021 resulted in no submissions despite significant interest and two providers having registered their intention to bid. Feedback from the potential providers, post procurement, was that staff restructure costs and accommodation issues may have been a concern, along with the procurement occurring amidst the challenges posed to health services by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- 1.7 The accommodation requirement has subsequently been reviewed and revised and the current provider has been requested to complete a staffing review during the current extension period. It has been recognised that there may be a potential need for non-recurrent set up costs due to the staffing review.

- 1.8 Following this attenuated re-procurement, the current provider ESHT was approached and an extension of the current contract via a contract variation was negotiated until April 2024.
- 1.9 Procurement for the new SSHS will be undertaken in collaboration with NHS England (NHSE) Specialist Contracts, who commission the HIV treatment and care services, and the Lewes prison sexual health and HIV treatment and care in-reach services. These services are interlinked with the SSHS, and national guidance is that they are collaboratively commissioned as a 'bundle'.

2. Supporting information

2.1 Proposed new contract details:

- contract length, 1 April 2024 - March 2029
- annual value £2,260,000; and
- total contract value £11,300,000

2.2 The SSHS is the largest and most central contract within the wider East Sussex County Council (ESCC) commissioned sexual health system. Non SSHS provision includes GP and Pharmacy Public Health Local Service Agreements, remote online services, a sexual health website and elements of HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP).

2.3 The procurement process should commence with an advert in May 2023, and is part of the Adult Social Care and Health 2023-24 procurement plan.

3. Conclusion and reasons recommendations

3.1 As the specialist sexual health service is now ready to be re-procured, the lead member is recommended to:

- 1) Approve the re-procurement of Specialist Sexual Health Services; and
- 2) Delegate the award of contract to the Director of Adult Social Care and Health to award the contract.

DARRELL GALE

Director of Public Health

Contact Officer: Tony Proom

Email: tony.proom@eastsussex.gov.uk

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None