

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SELECT COMMITTEE			
Report Title	Update On Public Health Savings Proposals (Re-commissioning of Health Visiting, School Aged Nursing & Children's Centres)		
Key Decision	Yes	Item No	
Ward	All		
Contributors	Executive Director (Children & Young People) Head of Targeted Resources & Joint Commissioning (Children & Young People)		
Class	Part 1	Date	11 th January 2017

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the re-commissioning of health visiting, school aged nursing and children's centres following the wider public health savings proposals presented to Mayor & Cabinet on 28th September 2016.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that Members agree:
- To note the content of the contract award report for the School Health Service (at **Appendix 1**)
 - To note progress to date and next steps for the Young People's Health & Wellbeing Service and Health Visiting & Children's Centres tenders (as outlined in section 5)

3. Background

- 3.1. The Council needs to save £4.7m across its public health services for adults and children by April 2017 (comprising £2m savings approved by Mayor & Cabinet in September 2015 and a £2.7m reduction in Lewisham's Public Health grant from 2017/18).
- 3.2. Between January and May 2016, officers from CYP Joint Commissioning and Public Health undertook a review of health visiting and school aged nursing services to identify where savings could be found. Children's centres were also included in this review because of their links to health visiting and other services for children, although there were no proposals to reduce the children centre funding.
- 3.3. As a result of this review and subsequent consultation with service users, providers and other partners, proposals to deliver savings of £1.7m through a combination of re-commissioning and redesign of health visiting and school aged nursing services were presented to Mayor & Cabinet in September 2016

(as part of a wider set of public health savings proposals). These proposals focused on the effectiveness of outcomes, increased integration of services for children and reduced management and administration costs.

4. Procurement Process

4.1. Following the presentation of the report to Mayor & Cabinet, the Mayor agreed for officers to undertake a large-scale procurement exercise between October 2016 and February 2017 to ensure that the redesigned services were operational by 1st April 2017 (as the existing contracts for health visiting, school aged nursing and children's centres are due to expire on 31st March 2017).

4.2. There are three separate tender processes currently underway:

- *Tender 1* – competitive tender process to commission a new School Health Service, which will deliver:
 - School entry health assessments, screening and school age immunisations
 - National Child Measurement Programme
 - Weight management
 - Safeguarding

- *Tender 2* – competitive tender process to commission a new Young People's Health & Wellbeing Service, which will provide assertive outreach, offer online and face-to-face support for emotional wellbeing, alcohol and drugs misuse and basis sexual health, referring young people to more specialist services when required

- *Tender 3* – competitive dialogue tender process to re-commission health visiting and children's centres as part of a more integrated model. These services are being tendered as five lots (four area-based children's centre lots and one cross-borough lot for health visiting and the Family Nurse Partnership)

5. Progress To Date & Next Steps

School Health Service

5.1. This service went out to tender on 21st October 2016. The deadline for tender submissions was 20th November and the evaluation process (including clarification interviews) was completed in early December. The contract award report (attached at **Appendix 1**) is due to be presented to Mayor & Cabinet on 11th January 2017.

Young People's Health & Wellbeing Service

- 5.2. This service went out to tender on 21st October 2016. The deadline for tender submissions has been extended until 6th January 2017 in order to clarify the TUPE information.
- 5.3. Currently, 41 suppliers have expressed an interest in the tender. As part of the tender process, two open day events have been held to enable potential providers to discuss opportunities for working in partnership or as a consortium to deliver the service.
- 5.4. The next steps in the procurement process are outlined below:

Tender evaluation process & preparation of award report	January 2017
Award report presented to Mayor & Cabinet	8 th February 2017
End of standstill and scrutiny period	18 th February 2017

Health Visiting & Children's Centres

- 5.5. These services went out to tender on 25th October 2016, with suppliers required to submit a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) by 24th November.
- 5.6. Following the evaluation of PQQ submissions, eight organisations were invited to participate in the competitive dialogue process. This process, which is due to conclude in early January, involves a series of workshops and 1:1 sessions in order to co-design appropriate solutions with potential providers and inform the development of the final specifications.
- 5.7. The next steps in the procurement process are outlined below:

'Invite To Submit Final Tender' issued	6 th January 2017
Deadline for tender submissions	15 th January 2017
Tender evaluation process & preparation of award report	Late January 2017
Award report presented to Mayor & Cabinet	8 th February 2017
End of standstill and scrutiny period	18 th February 2017

6. Conclusion

- 6.1. The timescales for the redesign and re-commissioning of health visiting, school aged nursing and children's centres have always been challenging. However, given the rapid progress outlined above, it is anticipated that the Council will be in a position to implement the new services on 1st April 2017.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1. Specific legal implications relating to the contract award for the School Health Service can be found in the report at **Appendix 1**.
- 7.2. There are no new legal implications that have arisen in regards to the Young People's Health & Wellbeing Service and the Health Visiting & Children's Centres since the savings proposals were presented to Mayor & Cabinet in September 2016.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1 Specific financial implications relating to the contract award for the School Health Service can be found in the report at **Appendix 1**.
- 8.2 There are no new financial implications that have arisen in regards to the Young People's Health & Wellbeing Service and the Health Visiting & Children's Centres since the savings proposals were presented to Mayor & Cabinet in September 2016.

9. Equalities Implications

- 9.1. A full Equalities Analysis Assessment (EAA) was undertaken as part of the development of the savings proposals to ensure that they did not discriminate or have an adverse effect on any protected characteristics within the local community.
- 9.2. This EAA found that the proposed changes to health visiting and school aged nursing services did not discriminate, although they may have a greater impact on particular protected characteristics, such as age, disability and ethnicity. These concerns have been addressed (where possible) in the development of the service specifications.
- 9.3. During the procurement process, bidders are expected to outline how they will meet the needs of specific children, young people and families (including those requiring extra support). This will form part of the evaluation criteria for all three tenders.

10. Crime & Disorder Implications

- 10.1. There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

11. Environmental Implications

- 11.2. There are no specific environmental implications arising from this report.

12. Background Documents & Originator

- 12.1. The contract award report for the School Health Service can be found at ***Appendix 1***.
- 12.2. The tender documentation for the Young People's Health & Wellbeing Service and Health Visiting & Children's Centres can be accessed via the London Tenders Portal (<https://www.londontenders.org/>).
- 12.3. If there are any queries about this report, please contact Warwick Tomsett (Head of Targeted Services & Joint Commissioning) on extension 48362 or at warwick.tomsett@lewisham.gov.uk.