

**TO: CONSULTANT IN PUBLIC HEALTH
23 JANUARY 2018**

**BRACKNELL FOREST ADULT WEIGHT MANAGEMENT SERVICE
Public Health Programme Officer**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to award a new contract for the Bracknell Forest Adult Weight Management Service.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Adult Weight Management Service contract commencing 1st April 2018 is awarded Tenderer A.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 This contract will ensure that residents of Bracknell Forest can access a T2 Adult Weight Management service that is focussed on achieving the best healthy weight outcomes for people.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Not procuring a service would leave Bracknell Forest as the only Unitary Authority in the region without funded a weight management service for obese residents. Given the high cost and uncertain quality of many commercial programmes, this would result in many people unnecessarily remaining obese.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The most recent data from Public Health Outcomes Framework shows the prevalence of obesity (BMI obesity (BMI>30kg/m²) is estimated at 23.8% of women and 23.6% of men – approaching 1 in 4 people.
- 5.2 There is consistent evidence that obese people with no intervention will continue to gain weight over time.
- 5.3 There are well-documented medical complications arising from obesity, linked to both independent risk factors and worsening of at least 30 common health conditions. An estimated 14% of cancer deaths in men and 20% of deaths in women are due to obesity. People who are obese can also experience social isolation and discrimination and are at increased risk of depression.
- 5.4 The national Adult Obesity Care Pathway contains 4 levels, with the service of concern in this paper being located at Tier 2.
- Tier 1 - prevention and health promotion services

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- Tier 2 - primary care and community interventions
- Tier 3 - Community Specialist Weight Management Services
- Tier 4 - supra-specialist interventions (surgical interventions)

5.5 Key Service outcomes:

- To reduce weight in People with a BMI of 30 and above, and for people to achieve and sustain weight loss in the range of 1-5% and 5-10% according to the agreed performance indicators as detailed at Specification Appendix ii
- To improve diet and nutrition, promote healthy weight and levels of physical activity of people using appropriate validated tools
- To promote better weight management for people
- To improve excess to weight management services across Bracknell Forest
- To raise awareness among People of the health benefits of weight loss and the problems associated with obesity so that they can take more responsibility for their own health.

5.6 The tender process was a one stage open procedure, in accordance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders. Since the full contract value was below the threshold for advertising in the Official Journal of the European Communities (OJEC), the tender for the service was advertised on the South East Business portal and Contracts Finder under the Light Touch Regime.

5.7 All 12 organisations expressed an Interest on the South East Business portal, 2 organisations submitted a tender.

5.8 The Tenders received were evaluated by the Project Team, details of which are set out in the confidential annexe. The evaluation criteria had been agreed by the panel prior to the tender invitations.

5.9 Tenderers were invited to attend to give a presentation and answer questions in respect of the implementation of the services for which they had tendered. These presentations were held on the 14th December 2017 and following this the evaluation panel finalised the tender evaluation. As a result Tenderer A received the highest evaluated score (based upon Quality and Price on a 50:50 ratio).

The following checks were undertaken in order to ascertain, as far as reasonably possible, the suitability and viability of the two tenderers:- relevant references were obtained and credit checks undertaken.

The contract is due to start on 1st April 2018. The contract will be a 1 year contract with optional 1 year extension (1+1).

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

6.1 The process for selecting the preferred bidder complies with the Council's Standing Orders and Procurement Rules. As the total value of the contract is below £100k

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Director decision is the appropriate method of implementing the decision and awarding the contract.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The proposed contract represents a saving of approximately £15k on the current arrangement in place

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 Equality for all people being supported was considered at all stages of the procurement.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 Detailed risk management, monitoring and contingency criteria were included in the Request for Quotation and taken into consideration during the evaluation of the bid. Performance and progress can be measured against the criteria.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 None.

Method of Consultation

- 7.2 None.

Representations Received

- 7.3 None.

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