

Report for:

Item number: N/A

Title: E-service Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) with the City of London for contract management services.

Report

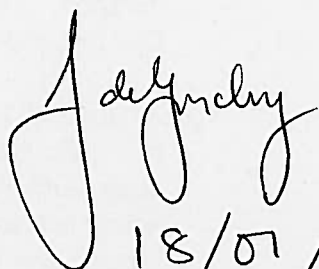
authorised by: Dr Jeanelle De Gruchy, Director of Public Health

Lead Officer: Sarah Hart, Senior Public Health Commissioner

Ward(s) affected: All

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Non Key Decision: Non-Key decision



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1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 The Leader granted approval on 26th June 2017 for the Council to enter into an Inter-Authority Agreement (IAA) with the City of London and up to 30 other London Authorities in order to access a new pan-London online sexual health service under a contract awarded by the City of London to Preventx Limited.
- 1.2 The Leader's approval also delegated authority for the Director of Public Health to agree the final terms of the IAA with the City of London and other participating authorities, including the length and cost of the Council's use of City of London's contract management services for the online service provision. This report seeks the Director's confirmation of the final terms of the IAA.

2. Cabinet Member introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. That the Director of Public Health confirms that the final terms of the IAA with the City of London and other authorities have been agreed including in particular that the maximum length of the IAA will be 9 years and the maximum amount of the Council's contribution to the City of London for its contract management role under the IAA will be £122,412.

4. Reasons for decision

- 4.1. The Council has committed, in accordance with the terms of the IAA, to accessing the online sexual health services under the City of London-Preventx Ltd contract at an estimated service cost of £1,527,888 for the initial 5-year contract term and a further maximum estimated service cost of £1,766,500 over 4 additional 1-year periods for which the contract may be extended resulting in a maximum estimated Haringey service provision spend of £3,294,388 over the maximum 9-year contract duration. These service costs are separate from the financial contribution to the City of London's management costs explained in paragraph 6.5.
- 4.2. In June 2017 the Leader agreed that authority should be delegated to the Director of Public Health to agree the final terms of the IAA with the City of London and other authorities, including in particular to settle the length for which and cost at which (within a maximum amount referred to in paragraph 3.3 of the report to the Leader) the Council will make a financial contribution to the City of London for its contract management role.
- 4.3. Since the Leader's decision, due diligence has been done by the Council's Public Health team, in consultation with the City of London, in respect of the initial draft terms of the IAA. In particular, the rationale underlying the draft costs figure and the maximum 9-year duration of the IAA was investigated and the remaining IAA terms have been considered and these have been found to be satisfactory.
5. Alternative options considered
 - 5.1. N/A
6. Background information
 - 6.1. In December 2016, Cabinet agreed to the Council's participation in a London wide procurement for an expansive sexual health service that would be a web-based system to include a 'front-end' portal joined up partner notification and home/self-sampling. It was also agreed that the procurement would be led by one council on behalf of the councils in the London Sexual Health Transformation Programme (LSHTP).
 - 6.2. This led to City of London awarding on 15th August 2017 a contract for the online service to Preventx Ltd. To access the online service under that contract, Haringey has to enter into an IAA with the City of London and the other participating LSHTP authorities. The IAA spells out the terms of the access arrangements.
 - 6.3. While the Leader granted approval on 26th June 2017 for the Council to enter into the IAA and to access the online service from Preventx Ltd, certain aspects of the terms of the IAA remained to be confirmed by the Council with the City of London and delegated authority was therefore granted to the Director to agree the final terms once all aspects of the terms had been worked out with City of London.
 - 6.4. The IAA sets out the governance and contract management arrangements between the City of London and the participating councils that define how the online service will be delivered within a wider governance arrangement for sexual health services

in London. This includes provision for an online services management board. This board will bring together the online service provider (Preventx), the online services contract management team and sub-regional clinic-based services commissioner representatives to monitor and guide the online service.

- 6.5. Under the IAA, a financial contribution is to be made by each of the other participating authorities to City of London to cover the costs of its dedicated sexual health programme team. This team will support governance and provide day to day contract management for the online sexual health service and will report to the participating authorities via the London Sexual Health governance structure. The level of each participating authority's contribution to the total costs is based on projected levels of use of the online sexual health service and is linked in a proportionate way to the size of each local authority's Public Health Grant so that authorities with the smallest Grant will make the smallest contributions.
- 6.6. The structure and level of the contributions was worked out with participating authorities and vetted by the new London Sexual Health Commissioners' Group in June 2017. For Haringey, this contribution is expected to be a maximum over 9 years of £122,412. However, the value may be considerably less as administration costs decrease as the service embeds.
- 6.7. The terms of the IAA do not allow the Council to withdraw during an initial period of 2 years from the effective date of the City of London-Preventx online service contract. But after the initial period, the Council may withdraw on giving 6 months' notice of withdrawal and subject to payment of any agreed outstanding and exit costs.

7. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications

The contract costs which will be up to a maximum of £122k over the nine-year period, equate to approximately £14k per annum and will be met from existing funding within the Public Health grant. This funding has been made available as a result of savings and efficiencies achieved through the redesign of Sexual Health service provision.

The service is an enabler in the Priority 2 strategy of managing demand and this contract enables the council to achieve value for money through economies of scale.

8. SSC Comments

The SSC notes the contents of the report and that a competitive tender was carried out on behalf of the London boroughs by Camden Council.

For reasons within the report SSC supports the recommendation.

9. Head of Procurement Comments

N/A

10. Comments of the Assistant Director of Corporate Governance and legal implications

Not required.

11. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

- 11.1 A full Equalities comments was provided based on an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) that was completed on the new service, in the Leaders report giving approval to enter into the IAA subject to this approval by the Director of the final IAA terms.

12. Use of Appendices

N/A

13. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

13.1. Background documents

- Leader Report – Approval to enter into an Inter Authority Agreement to access the new pan London online sexual health service
- Report to the Leader of the Council on Award of Contracts for North Central London for 1) Genito-Urinary Medicine (GUM) and 2) Sexual Health Reproductive Services (SRH) – 4th April 2017