

**EXTENSION TO THE ADULT COMMUNITY DRUG SERVICES CONTRACT  
 (CRIME REDUCTION INITIATIVES)**

**Councillor Nigel North, Cabinet Member for Communities and  
 Environment Capital**

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Cabinet portfolio holder:	Councillor Nigel North, Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment Capital
Responsible Director:	Wendi Ogle-Welbourn, Director for Communities
Is this a Key Decision?	YES If yes has it been included on the Forward Plan : Yes Unique Key decision Reference from Forward Plan : KEY/06FEB15/01
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1. Approve expenditure for an extension of the contract the Council has with Crime Reduction Initiatives for the provision of Adult Community Drugs Services until 31 March 2016.

**1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES**

- 1.1 This report seeks approval of expenditure for the extension of the contract for the provision of Adult Community Drugs Services in relation to Open Access Services, Criminal Justice Services, Specialist Prescribing and Recovery & Reintegration Services. The recommended extension period is 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.

**2. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

- 2.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment Capital to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.8(a) of Section 3 – Executive Functions of the constitution in accordance with the terms of his portfolio at paragraph (b) (i), (ii) and (iii).

**3. TIMESCALE**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	N/A
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#### **4. DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED**

- 4.1 The Council and Crime Reduction Initiatives (CRI) entered into a contract for the provision of Adult Community Drugs Services in relation to Open Access Services, Criminal Justice Services, Specialist Prescribing and Recovery & Reintegration Services on 18 April 2012. The contract has a term of 1 January 2012 to 31 March 2015 and provides the option to extend the term by a further period of one year. CMDN OCT11/CMDN/112 provides authority for the Council to enter into this contract and also authorises the option to extend the contract for a further twelve months up to 31 March 2016.
- 4.2 The Council is required to issue an extension to the contractor in respect of the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016. The purpose of this report is to approve expenditure for the extension of the contract for the provision of these services.
- 4.3 It is noted that whilst authority was given in OCT11/CMDN/112 for an extension of the contract for a further twelve months, the contract value for extension between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 was not included in the original CMDN. The expenditure for the extension of provision of these services between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 is £1,855,732.00.
- 4.4 The extended provision of these services until 31 March 2016 will coincide with the conclusion of the Drugs and Alcohol retender and the commencement of a new contract on 1 April 2016 of a new retendered service.
- 4.5 The purpose of this report is to ensure the contract extension value is authorised and that the Council complies with the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

#### **5. CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 Consultation is key to the continued successful commissioning of services. Consultation has been undertaken with service providers, key stakeholders, including Public Health England.

#### **6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES**

- 6.1 The provision of these services will continue until 31 March 2016. This will coincide with the conclusion of the Drugs and Alcohol retender and the commencement of a new contract on 1 April 2016 of the new retendered service.

#### **7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS & ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 7.1 The contract provides that the Council may extend the term of the contract by a further period of twelve months up to 31 March 2016. The Council will continue to contract with Crime Reduction Initiatives (CRI) for the provision of these services for an extended period of twelve months until 31 March 2016 for total extension value of £1,855,732.00.
- 7.2 The current service significantly improves the outcomes afforded to the service users and their families. One of the performance indicators of this service is crime reduction, specifically how drug treatment cuts crime and helps communities.
- 7.3 Reducing crime is one of the most important benefits of drug treatment. Recent research has shown that the total number of crimes committed by users almost halved following the

start of treatment, proving that investment in these service is providing a real benefit to communities.

## **8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 To extend the contract for a further 12 months and rely on the original CMDN OCT11/CMDN/112 which, although authorises the option to extend the contract by a further twelve months, does not specifically authorise the value of the extension period. This would demonstrate lack of compliance with the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.
- 8.2 Not to extend the contract and re-procure the service for a single year pending the commencement of the retendered service on 1 April 2016. This would not represent value for money as the option to extend the existing contract has already been authorised and avoids the need for the additional expense of re-procurement and a potentially higher cost of the service if re-procured for a single year. In addition any change in service provider could affect continuity of service for service users.

## **9. IMPLICATIONS**

### **9.1 Financial implications**

The contract extension is for a value of £1,855,732.00 between the extension period of 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016. This will be funded from the ring fenced Public Health grant along with contributions from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

### **9.2 Legal and procurement implications**

Under Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Council has a statutory duty to prevent crime and disorder and the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area.

The proposals set out in this decision are consistent with the Human Rights Act 1998, and statutory guidance relating to Public Health functions in respect of the NHS Act 2006.

The existing contract was procured by means of a fully compliant procurement process for a period of three years with an option to extend for a further year. OCT11/CMDN/112 authorised the award of the contract together with the additional one year extension and therefore, notwithstanding that OCT11/CMDN/112 omitted to include the extension value, there are no adverse procurement consequences as a result of granting the one year extension.

## **10. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

*Declarations by any cabinet member consulted by the decision maker and any dispensation granted by the Audit Committee or Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive). Note, the Audit Committee grants dispensations where the member concerned has a pecuniary interest, whereas the Chief executive may grant a dispensation for these purposes to any cabinet member consulted on these proposals whether by an officer or another individual cabinet member where there is a common law conflict of interest that may not amount to a pecuniary interest under the Regulations.*

None.

## **11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985) and The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

None.