

**National Child Measurement Programme Contract – delegation of function to Cambridgeshire County Council**

**Cllr Wayne Fitzgerald, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health**

**September 2019**

**Deadline date: 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Cabinet portfolio holder:	Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health
Responsible Director:	Dr Liz Robin, Director of Public Health
Is this a Key Decision?	YES Forward Plan Reference: KEY/2SEP19/01
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO
Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto?	NO

**R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S**

The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve the following.

1. Authorise the delegation of authority to Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) to act as lead local authority in commissioning the National Child Measurement Programme across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire and for delivery of the function of the service, which shall include the associated transfer of funding to CCC from September 1st 2019 until May 31<sup>st</sup> 2020. CCC shall contract with the Integrated Lifestyle Service provider Everyone Health, the Public Health arm of Sports and Leisure Ltd for the delivery of Peterborough's National Child Measurement Programme.

## 1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

1.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.3.8(a) of Part 3 of the Constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph 3.11(b) in support of the following:

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## 2. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	<b>N/A</b>
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## 3. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) is a Local Authority mandated services in line with Health and Social Care Act 2013. The NCMP is an annual epidemiological Programme undertaken in all mandated schools when all children in Reception and Year 6 classes are measured to identify levels of obesity and underweight in these age groups. It is key for determining ongoing interventions to reduce levels of obesity
- 3.2 In Peterborough although levels of childhood obesity have stabilised there were in 2017/18, around 21% children who were overweight or obese. Amongst children in Year 6 this increased in around 33%. This means that these children have a high risk of health issues from childhood and even more so adulthood. Peterborough also has comparable higher rates than the national average figure for obesity related health conditions such a cardio-vascular disease and diabetes.
- 3.3 Currently in Peterborough the NCMP is delivered by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Community Foundation Trust (CPFT) as part of the Healthy Child Programme (HCP). The HCP is also a mandated service for the Local Authority, but under separate regulations.
- 3.4 Cambridgeshire and other local areas commission their NCMPs to be delivered as part of the locally commissioned Integrated Lifestyle Services. In Cambridgeshire this has taken place since 2010 without any issues and the national targets have consistently been achieved. The rationale is that this enables a close relationship between the NCMP and the lifestyle services that provide interventions to reduce childhood obesity. In most areas there are pathways between the NCMP and the intervention services provided by the lifestyle providers.
- 3.5 Another driver for this proposal is that negotiations are nearly finalised for a new HCP commissioned though one Section 75 across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire. As the NCMP is not one of the mandatory service included in the HCP it provides the

opportunity not to include the NCMP in the new HCP Section 75 and have a consistent approach across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire.

3.6 The third driver for the change is that the Integrated Lifestyle Services in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire are currently being re-commissioned as one Service to work across the two local authority areas. Under this proposal Peterborough City Council will delegate authority to Cambridgeshire County Council to commission and contract with the provider on behalf of Peterborough City Council. It is proposed that the Peterborough NCMP is included in this re-commission. This is already being progressed in the upcoming decision - [Recommissioning Integrated Lifestyle Services - KEY/24JUN19/04](#) for the re-commission of integrated lifestyle services. It will also afford opportunities for efficiencies to be secured. The new Integrated Lifestyle Service will commence on June 1 2020.

3.7 CCC shall contract with the Integrated Lifestyle Service provider Everyone Health, the Public Health arm of Sports and Leisure Ltd, for the delivery of Peterborough's National Child Measurement Programme. This contract shall be from 1 September 2019 until 31 May 2020. This will enable the NCMP for the 2019/20 academic year to be completed by Everyone Health.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

4.1 Staff consultation have taken place with the affected CPFT staff as TUPE will apply and these identified staff members will transfer to the CCC contractor, Everyone Health.

4.2 Wider consultation for this short term contract has not been undertaken but forms part of the wider consultation being undertaken for the re-commission of the integrated lifestyle services.

#### **5. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

5.1 Integrated lifestyle services have a focus upon behavioural change interventions that promote healthy lifestyle and improved health outcomes. If NCMP is part of the Lifestyle Service provided in Peterborough this will enable the development of closer pathways between NCMP and child weight management /community activities based on clear referral routes.

5.2 More children with an unhealthy weight and their families will receive support to change their diet and physical activity behaviours to help them achieve a healthier weight.

#### **6. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 To ensure that children identified as having an unhealthy weight through the NCMP have an improved access to services that help them and their families make healthy lifestyle choices and improve their health outcomes.

6.2 The inclusion of the NCMP in the current recommission of integrated lifestyle services across Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council will enable efficiencies to be made.

#### **7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

7.1 Continue to include the NCMP in the HCP. This would not allow the development of improved pathways and access to lifestyle services for children and their families.

7.2 Do not include NCMP in the current Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council re-commissioning of Lifestyle Services. This would

mean that the efficiencies of having one service across the two local authority areas could not be realised.

## **8. IMPLICATIONS**

### **8.1 Financial Implications**

- The value of the contract from September 9th 2019 to May 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 is £55,000.
- However this funding will remain with CPFT as it is being used to partially offset the wider historic underfunding of the Healthy Child Programme in Peterborough (approx. £870,000). Therefore NCMP funding will be utilised to support the closure of this financial gap.
- Everyone Health will deliver this programme against the contract value identified (£55,000), which will be funded from an anticipated underspend against the NHS Health Checks programme. This underspend will be utilised to fund the programme September 9th 2019 to May 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.
- Future funding for the NCMP will be subsumed into part of a wider recommissioning of Lifestyle services across Peterborough Cambridgeshire through efficiencies identified through this exercise. The procurement will be for one service and one contract covering both Local Authority areas. In the current CCC commissioned Integrated Lifestyle Service there is a well-established team already delivering the NCMP. TUPE will therefore be applicable during the forthcoming procurement and will be used to cover Peterborough schools if required to ensure these efficiencies are made.
- A business case regarding the financing of this exercise has been completed and returned with acknowledgement of receipt by PCC Finance Officers.

### **8.2 Legal Implications**

8.2.1 Legal implications shall be considered and addressed within the Delegation and Partnering Agreement underpinning the transfer of commissioning authority to Cambridgeshire. The council shall delegate its commissioning responsibility and delivery of the function for the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) to CCC and shall transfer funding to CCC accordingly. CCC shall therefore act as lead commissioner and enter into contractual arrangements on the council's behalf.

8.2.2 The Parties shall enter into a Delegation and Partnering Agreement in reliance on their powers and the exclusive rights given to local authorities to undertake administrative arrangements of this nature in sections 101 and 113 of the Local Government Act 1972, and sections 19 and 20 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the regulations made under these Acts; together with the general power within section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the supporting provisions within section 111 Local Government Act 1972.

8.2.3 The Delegation and Partnering Agreement shall set out clear roles and responsibilities for both councils, including (but not limited to) liabilities, financial arrangements, information governance and performance management.

### **8.4 Equalities Implications**

8.4.1 It is mandatory for Local Authorities to ensure that the NCMP is offered to all children in Reception and Year 6. Although parents/carers may opt their children out of the Programme.

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

9.1 None.

**10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

10.1 Recommissioning Integrated Lifestyle Services - KEY/24JUN19/04

**11. APPENDICES**

11.1 None.