

Subject:	Youth Contracts		
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Report of:	Executive Director for Families, Children & Learning		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to receive a recommendation from The Children, Young People and Skills Committee made on 3 October 2016 that this Committee approve a procurement process to secure the provision of youth services on a neighbourhood open access based model and youth work supporting vulnerable young people for a period of three years commencing on 1 April 2017. This will secure the continuity of service provision
- 1.2 The Children, Young People and Skills Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Families, Children & Learning on 3 October 2016 on the development of a new delivery model for the provision of services to vulnerable and disadvantaged children in the form of a Youth and Employability Trust. The Committee were approving of the direction of travel but have requested further information on a number of aspects thus deferring a decision on a number of recommendations.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Policy, Resources and Growth Committee approve the following recommendations:
 - (1) That delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director of Families, Children & Learning: to enter into a competitive procurement process to secure the provision of youth services on a neighbourhood open access based model and youth work supporting vulnerable young people for a period of three years commencing on 1 April 2017 in order to secure the continuity of service provision in the shorter term.

- (2) That delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director of Families, Children & Learning to award and let the contracts for this procurement for a period of three years which contracts shall contain a provision providing for the transfer of those contracts to the Youth and Employability Trust in the event that the Trust is established in due course.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Children Young People & Skills committee in March 2016 agreed to explore alternative delivery models, for example a Youth and Employability Trust or Foundation for the provision of services to vulnerable and disadvantaged children, young people and their families.
- 3.2 The council has current contracts for delivery of youth services with CVS Brighton & Hove Youth Collective, (originally for three years) and BMEYPP, Extra Time and Allsorts (originally for one year). These contracts have been extended into the transitional year of 2016/17 to allow time for a review of the council's arrangements for commissioning and provision of youth work. The contracts expire on 31 March 2017. During the transition period in which changes in service structure potentially will take place it is prudent to enable continuation of service provision and to re-tender the contracts for a period of up to three years from 1 April 2017.
- 3.3 Public Health have a contract for additional work with current providers B&H Youth Collective which will expire at the same time. Due to future developments with Public Health this re-contracting will be for 1 year with an optional extension period of up to six months.
- 3.4 In common with other councils across England, Brighton and Hove City Council has to make savings across all service areas as a result of reductions in Government funding and pressures on services. The Council's budget proposals for 2015/16 included a reduction in council funding for youth work services commissioned by the council. In response to a Notice of Motion at the Policy and Resources Committee, a Youth Work Review Group - chaired by the Executive Director of Families, Children & Learning - considered alternative options for the provision of youth work services. There were proposals for a saving of £400,000 as part of the 2016/17 budget proposals. It will not be possible to provide the same level of services across the council with the reduction in funding to the youth service budget.
- 3.5 The Youth Work Review addressed the following priorities agreed by the Children Young People and Skills Committee:
- Ensure that the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children receive the council's support, consolidating services where possible, and targeting resources at those most in need
 - Eliminate long-term youth unemployment (18-25 years old) and boost apprenticeships in the city by 2019
- 3.6 The Children, Young People & Skills Committee of 16 November 2015 noted the Youth Work Review Report of the Youth Work Review Group and the principles

of service design set out therein. This included authority for the Executive Director of Families, Children & Learning to consult with staff, young people and partners for future arrangements for the delivery and/or external commissioning of the 'flexible continuum' of youth work provision recommended by the Youth Work Review Group including:

- community based open access youth work;
- targeted youth work including provision as part of the Stronger Families Stronger Communities programme;
- central support and strategic planning.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 The current contracts for the delivery of the relevant services will expire on 31 March 2017. In order to comply with procurement legislation and the Council's contract Standing Orders and to ensure that best value is being delivered a competitive tender process is required.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 Financial Implications:

The budget value attached to the delivery of youth services with CVS Brighton & Hove Youth Collective is £493,800 in the 2016/17 financial year.

Finance Officer Consulted: Steve Williams

Date: 05/10/2016

5.2 Legal Implications:

The procurement of the services must comply with UK and European Union legislation and with the Council's Contract Standing Orders. The services fall within Schedule 3 Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The value exceeds the threshold of £ 589,148.00 above which a notice is required to be published in the Official Journal of the European Union. The process is "light touch" and is required to comply with the underlying principles of openness, fairness and transparency.

There may be potential TUPE implications for staff employed by the current providers of the contract and the details of the potential related liabilities will be sought by the council to inform any prospective bidders for the new contract of the issues related to this.

Lawyer Consulted:

Name: Judith Fisher

Date: 5.10.16

5.3 Equalities Implications:

The recommendations included in this report will not change the level of support to those young people with protected characteristics

5.4 Sustainability Implications:

Continuing to provide youth services will build more sustainable communities and boost health and wellbeing amongst young people and their families. Exploring new models of delivery will allow for a more sustainable model longer term.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Youth Work Review 2015 Brighton & Hove (for background information)

