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CABINET

18/04/2016 at 6.00 pm



Oldham
Council

Present: Councillor Stretton (Chair)
Councillors Akhtar, Brownridge, Harrison, Hibbert, Jabbar,
Moores and Shah

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st
March 2016 be approved as a correct record.

5 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

6 **OUTCOME OF BROKERAGE SERVICES
(ENCOMPASSING PAYROLL) TENDER**

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director, Health and Wellbeing which sought approval for the provision of brokerage services (encompassing payroll) to manage the functions relating to the direct payments on behalf of vulnerable adults and parent/carers of children and young people with eligible care and support needs.

It was reported that as part of Oldham Council's person centred approach to care and support and in line with the Care Act 2014 and SEND Code of Practice 2014, all those who were eligible for care and support from the Council would be allocated a personal budget and encouraged to take up a direct cash payment rather than having a package of care and support services arranged for them. This would enable children/young people and an adult with social care needs to have more choice and control over the support they received.

The Brokerage providers would work in partnership with Oldham Council to ensure that people who utilised a direct payment were fully enabled to manage, administer and meet their care and support needs.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – would be to agree the outcomes of the Brokerage Services(encompassing Payroll) Tender approved list of providers. This Tender followed the appropriate procurement process and outcomes met the requirements of the Care Act 2014 and SEND Code of Practice 2014. This would enable a move towards a choice based model within an approved

provider list, this would ultimately ensure safeguarding of clients and best practice across our brokerage services. Clients currently utilising service of brokers not on the approved list would select a broker from the approved list at the point of annual review or reassessment using the choice based model. Option 2 – would be to not agree the outcomes of the Brokerage Services (encompassing Payroll) Tender approved list of providers. This would mean continuing to work with some providers who hadn't met the requirements of the new specification or that of the Care Act 2014 and SEND Code of Practice 2014. To continue to work with the existing arrangement would mean there would be no formal governance arrangements in place. It would also mean that the Council would continue to commission from some providers who did not meet the technical criteria following the evaluation of the Tender process. Continuing the current processes would not enable the council to safeguard clients, public funds or ensure best practice across brokers in Oldham.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at Item 8 of the agenda before coming to a decision.

7 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the reports.

8 **OUTCOME OF BROKERAGE SERVICES (ENCOMPASSING PAYROLL) TENDER**

The Cabinet gave consideration to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 6 – Outcome of Brokerage Services (Encompassing Payroll) Tender.

RESOLVED – That the approved Brokerage (encompassing payroll) Service list as outlined in this report be approved. This would enable a move towards a choice based model within an approved provider list, this would ultimately ensure safeguarding of clients and best practice across our brokerage services. Clients currently utilising service of brokers not on the approved list would select a broker from the approved list at the point of annual review or reassessment using the choice based model.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.04 pm