

Report to CABINET

Request to extend the contract for the provision of Oldham and Rochdale collaborative substance misuse treatment and recovery service

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Reason for Decision

On 23 October 2017, Cabinet approved to award the contract for the provision of an integrated substance misuse service for a period of three years commencing 1 April 2018, with provision in the contract to extend for up to 2 years (until 31 March 2023).

The contract was a collaborative commission with Rochdale Council. An Inter-Authority Collaboration Agreement has been signed by both Councils which agrees that Oldham Council is the lead contract authority. Rochdale Council has given delegated authority for Oldham Council to extend the contract on its behalf.

Recommendations

To extend the contract for the provision of an integrated substance misuse treatment and recovery service for a period of one year commencing 1 April 2021 until 31 March 2022.

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1. Background

- 1.1 Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, local authorities have a duty to reduce health inequalities and improve the health of their local population by ensuring that there are public health services aimed at reducing drug and alcohol misuse.
- 1.2 The first ever [Greater Manchester Drug and Alcohol Strategy](#) was approved in March 2019 and sets out the collective ambition to make Greater Manchester a place where everyone can have the best start in life, live well and age well, safe from the harms caused by drugs and alcohol. Reducing these harms is central to improving the safety, wellbeing and prosperity of our city-region. The strategy was subject to public consultation and co-designed with a wide range of stakeholders to provide a framework for localities and wider partners. Oldham and Rochdale Councils are contributing to its implementation both locally and regionally.
- 1.3 Oldham and Rochdale Councils collaboratively commission the current provider for the provision of adult drug and alcohol services for Oldham and Rochdale residents. The contract was for 3 years from 1 April 2018, with an option to extend for up to 2 years on an annual basis.
- 1.4 An Inter-Authority Collaboration Agreement has been signed by both Councils which agrees that Oldham Council is the lead commissioner. Rochdale Council has given authority for Oldham Council to award the contract on its behalf.

2. Current Position

- 2.1 The current contract ends on 31 March 2021. There is provision within the contract to extend by up to 2 years.
- 2.2 The current annual cost is shared equally between Oldham and Rochdale.
- 2.3 A saving from the contract value is not proposed for the extension period, particularly given the COVID-19 emergency and the likelihood of increased demand for the service as a result of restrictions measures. The substance misuse budget has also been reduced significantly in recent years.
- 2.4 Arrangements between the two Councils are set out in an Inter-Agency Collaboration Agreement, which will be reviewed and re-signed (for the new period but on the same terms), if the contract extension is agreed.

3. Points to Consider

- 3.1 We are currently experiencing an outbreak situation in the UK and globally. Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) was characterized as a global pandemic by the World Health Organisation on 11 March 2020.

3.2 Rochdale Council has sought and received agreement to a contract extension from their Chief Executive and have delegated authority to Oldham Council to award the contract extension.

3.3 Further points to consider are set out in the report in the restricted part of this agenda.

4. Options

4.1 These are set out in the report in the restricted part of this agenda.

5. Preferred Option

5.1 As set out in the report in the restricted part of this agenda.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 These are set out in the report in the restricted part of this agenda.

7. Legal Services Comments

7.1 These are set out in the report in the restricted part of this agenda.

8. Co-operative Agenda

8.1 All Public Health services fully support the Council's cooperative agenda as they promote the active engagement of Oldham residents and providers delivering in Oldham in Thriving Communities, Co-operative Services and an Inclusive Economy.

9. Human Resources Comments

9.1 None

10. Risk Assessments

10.1 These are set out in the report in the restricted part of this agenda.

11. IT Implications

11.1 None

12. Property Implications

12.1 None

13. Procurement Implications

13.1 These are set out in the report in the restricted part of this agenda.

14. Environmental and Health & Safety Implications

14.1 None

15. Equality, community cohesion and crime implications

15.1 None

16. Equality Impact Assessment Completed?

16.1 Yes, as part of the original procurement – May 2017.

17. Key Decision

17.1 Yes

18. Key Decision Reference

18.1 HSC-02-20

19. Background Papers

19.1 Decision to award contract for the provision of Oldham and Rochdale collaborative substance misuse treatment and recovery service (Cabinet report, 23 October 2017)

19.2 Equality Impact Assessment – Joint commissioning substance misuse treatment in Oldham and Rochdale (May 2017)

20. Appendices

20.1 None