

DECISION RECORD ¹

Subject: To award a contract for the provision of exercise to older people (Hertfordshire's Active Ageing programme)	
Staff Contact: Piers Simey	Executive Member: Richard Roberts
Tel: 01438-844175	Portfolio: Public Health

1. **Decision**

The Public Health Service will not be awarding a contract for the provision of exercise to older people.

2. **Reasons for the decision**

The Public Health Service is a partner in a joint bid to Sport England for funding to develop a project that will provide exercise to older people. The delivery partner is Hertfordshire Independent Living Service (HILS).

As part of the bid, Sport England has agreed to provide £400,000 across the period from January 2018 to December 2020. The Council's contribution to the project consists of £150,000 together with significant staffing resources for data analysis, evaluation, and co-ordination support to enable effective set up and ongoing delivery. As the delivery partner, HILS will be contributing £54,800 of in kind funding (staff to assist with evaluation), and will be embedding physical activity promotion/support into its range of core services.

Instead of issuing a services contract for the provision of this project, the Public Health Service and HILS will together form an agreement that will clarify the relationship and the various responsibilities played by all of the parties. The agreement will also identify the various contributions that go into the project.

3. **Alternative options considered and rejected ²**

The Public Health Service considered issuing Hertfordshire Independent Living Service a contract for the delivery of this project. However, this would result in the Council being the effective commissioner of the service, and HILS as the provider. As such the contract would not represent the true nature of the roles played by the Council and HILS, nor would it reflect the additional line of accountability to Sport England. A final consideration is that the grant was awarded to Hertfordshire expressly on the back of the strength of the delivery partnership between the Council and HILS presented in the bid and during the assessment meetings.

4. **Consultation**

(a) **Comments of Executive Member ^{3 4}**

Exec Member sent an email on 2nd February at 1637 stating "This project has my full support please proceed. "

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(b) Comments of other consultees ⁵

5. **Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed ... 

Title:Director of Public HEalth..... Date: ...2 February 2018