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## **DECISION RECORD <sup>1</sup>**

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**Subject: Whether to procure a contract for Provision of Adult Weight Management Services**

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Portfolio: Public Health, Prevention & Performance

### **1. Decision**

A partnership agreement between Hertfordshire's Public Health Service and Hertfordshire two Clinical Commissioning Groups has been signed off to jointly fund and co-commission a tier 2 community based weight management service . The procurement of this service will be led by Public Health with CCG input. The County Council will manage the contract and service performance and will report outcomes to the Hertfordshire Obesity Working Group, and through current County Council reporting channels.

### **2. Reasons for the decision**

If Public Health does not procure this service, the current service will come to an end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Therefore, there would be no provision for this service across the county beyond this point. The service has been positively evaluated and is performing above national benchmarks.

Obesity remains a major public health challenge as it increases the risk of developing many serious and potentially life threatening diseases and consequently reduces quality of life and life expectancy. In Hertfordshire more than a fifth (22%) of adults are estimated to be obese (having a Body Mass Index above 30kg/m<sup>2</sup>). The cost of obesity is increasing nationally, costing the NHS £5.1bn per year and Social Care £352m. Due to the impact of obesity on both the NHS and local authority services, the three parties are willing to jointly fund the new service.

The agreement is to jointly fund a service for a 2 year period (with an option for a 2 year extension). The existing service will continue until the new service provider is in place. Ensuring that residents receive effective weight management support aligns with local and national NHS policy, as well as Hertfordshire's Public Health Strategy.

### **3. Alternative options considered and rejected <sup>2</sup>**

The alternative option is to not re-procure the service and as a result there would be no provision of adult weight management services across the county from March 2019. This option was rejected due to the lost opportunity for prevention and related longer term savings for both NHS and local authority services.

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**4. Consultation**

(a) Comments of Executive Member<sup>3 4</sup>

(b) Comments of other consultees<sup>5</sup>

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

Signed: .....

Title: ..... Date: .....

**6. Copies of agreed document to:**

- All consultees
- Chairman, and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- hard & electronic copy (for public inspection both at County Hall and on Hertsdirect) Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.

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<sup>1</sup> for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions"

<sup>2</sup> details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

<sup>3</sup> record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without seeking advice from the Chief Legal Officer

<sup>4</sup> If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of the Council will need to be consulted

<sup>5</sup> If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by e mail) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.