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If not a Key Decision write n/a above

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD ¹

Officer Key Decisions are subject to the Council's Call-In Procedure (Annex 9 of the Council's Constitution <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/freedom-of-information-and-council-data/open-data-statistics-about-hertfordshire/who-we-are-and-what-we-do/who-we-are-and-what-we-do.aspx>)

Subject:

To agree Direct Award of Primary Care Pharmacy contract to deliver Smoking, Sexual Health Services.

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Executive Member: Tim Hutchings

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Portfolio: Public Health & Prevention

1. Decision

To agree Direct Award of Primary Care Pharmacy contract to deliver Smoking, Sexual Health Services.

2. Reasons for the decision

The current contracts for sexual health and smoking cessation provision in Hertfordshire Community pharmacies expire naturally on 31st March 2020. It is crucial to continue to commission a wide range of services in primary care; in particular in community settings, in order to ensure good access and positive health outcomes for Hertfordshire residents.

Hertfordshire Pharmacies currently make a positive input into effective services for sexual health and smoking services, on a local level.

There are no competitors within the marketplace able to provide these services beyond General Practices and Sexual Health Clinics. GP practices are not commercial Providers. It is unlikely that either of these contenders would be able to cope with the additional provision of services.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected ²

HCC could dissolve the existing arrangement; this would leave the Council with no contract and no sexual health or smoking services in community pharmacies for Hertfordshire residents to access, and limited or no achievement of national mandatory requirements and outcomes.

4. Consultation³

Was any Member consulted? No (delete as applicable)

If yes:

(a) Comments of Executive Member

(b) Comments of other consultees

DECISION RECORD

5. **Any conflict of interest declared by a member who has been consulted in relation to the decision⁴**

None Declared

6. **[Following consultation with the Executive Member,] I am proceeding with the proposed decision. (delete words in square brackets if no requirement to consult the Executive Member)**

Signed:

Title: Director of Public Health

Date: 31 January 2020

Copies of record to:

- All consultees
- hard & electronic copy (if required to be made available for public inspection) to Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.⁵

¹ for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions" and Annex 3 to the Constitution

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

³ Before an Officer takes any decision under delegated powers s/he must consider whether to involve Members. The table below sets out when members should be informed or consulted

Significance of Proposed Action	Controversial	Relevant Member(s) to be Consulted
Technical/Professional/Routine	No	No need to inform or consult councillors
Technical/Professional/Routine	Yes	Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor
Local	No	Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Member
Local	Yes	Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor
General or County-wide	No	Consult relevant Lead Executive Member(s)
General or County-wide	Yes	Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) and Leader of the Council

⁴ 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

⁵ The following Officer Decision Records and supporting documents need to be sent to the Democratic Services:

- Key Decisions
- Decisions made by officers pursuant to delegations from Cabinet
- All decisions which affect third parties or involve services to people other than the County Council (but not individual social care/education decisions)
- Any other decisions except decisions of a trivial or insignificant nature or which are part of general administration and cannot be regarded as closely related to a particular executive function