

## Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

**If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.**

**B184/23**

*If not a Key Decision write n/a above*

### OFFICER DECISION RECORD <sup>i</sup>

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:** Proposed award for the contract of Provision of Public Health services within General Practices

**Type of Decision:** Executive

**Key Decision (Executive Functions only):** Yes

**Executive Member:**

Morris Bright

**Portfolio (Executive Functions only):**

Public Health and Community Safety

**Officer Contact:**

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**1. Decision**

To Direct Award contract to GP's to deliver sexual health, health checks and stop smoking services

**2. Reasons for the decision**

Sexual Health services can only be provided through GP practices or via other specialist services such as Sexual Health Hertfordshire. There is no other provider that has the data intelligence which would enable risk estimation and identification of the eligible population for NHS Health Checks. If another provider were to do such a task, they would have to rely on data from general practices and would also have to ensure relevant data is sent back to general practices to populate patient records.

**3. Alternative options considered and rejected**

The following options have been explored.

- **No longer commission GP's to deliver the Primary care services from 1 April 2024** when the current contract ends but this would mean that Hertfordshire County Council Public Health would not be meeting their national mandatory requirements and outcomes.
- **A full competitive tender process for all GP's to tender for services**, however there would be insufficient time to go out to tender for a Lead Provider it is important that continuity of service provision continues beyond the contract length of 31 April 2024.

**4. Consultation** *(see Summary of Requirements below)*

**Was any Councillor consulted?      Yes**

**If yes:**

(a)      Comments of Executive Member

(b)      Comments of other consultees

None

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

None

**6. Following consultation with the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed: ...Sarah Perman.....

Title: Director of Public Health.....

Date: 27/02/2024

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

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**Summary of Requirements to Inform/Consult Councillors**

<b>Significance of Proposed Action</b>	<b>Controversial</b>	<b>Relevant Councillor(s) to be Consulted</b>
Technical/Professional/ Routine	No	No need to inform or consult councillors
Technical/Professional/ Routine	Yes	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Relevant Committee Chairman and, where appropriate, Local Councillor
Local	No	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Inform Local Councillor
Local	Yes	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Consult Local Councillor
General or County-wide	No	<b>Executive Functions:</b>

		<p>Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s)</p> <p><b>Non-Executive Functions:</b>  Consult relevant Committee Chairman</p>
General or County-wide	Yes	<p><b>Executive Functions:</b>  Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) and the Leader of the Council</p> <p><b>Non-Executive Functions:</b>  Consult relevant Committee Chairman/Leaders all Political Groups</p>