

Decision Maker: PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR CARE SERVICES

Date: For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Care Services Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday 28 June 2016

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: PROCUREMENT STRATEGY - NATIONAL CHILD MEASUREMENT PROGRAMME.

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Ward: Borough-wide

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The Council currently contracts Bromley Healthcare (BHC) for National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP), a statutory programme, through a joint block contract with Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The contract with the BHC is due to expire on 30 September 2017.
- 1.2 This report is seeking approval to procure the contract for NCMP to start 1st October 2017.
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2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Care Services PDS Committee is asked to recommend the Portfolio Holder for Care Services procure the contract for the National Child Measurement Programme starting 1st October 2017.
- 2.2 The Portfolio Holder for Care Services is asked to:
- i) Agree to procure the contract for the National Child Measurement Programme starting 1st October 2017.
 - ii) Agree that Option 3 is the best option for procurement.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy. Existing Policy Context/Statements
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated cost £360,000
 2. Ongoing costs: Recurring cost. £120,000
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Public Health
 4. Total current budget for this head: ££13,935,160
 5. Source of funding: Public Health Grant
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): n/a
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: n/a
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory requirement.
 2. Call-in: Call-in is applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): 45,000 (population of 0-10 year olds)
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: None

3. Estimated Contract Value

£120k p.a. Current value of contract £?

4. Current commissioning arrangements

The current contractual arrangements are detailed in the Table 1 below:

Table 1. Current commissioning arrangements 2016-17

Contract	Annual Value £000	Contract period
NCMP	120	April 2013 to September 2017
Total	120	

This report follows the Gateway Review in March 2016 to extend the NCMP service to October 2017.

5. COMMENTARY

5.1 National Child Measurement Programme

This service is delivered by BHC and has an annual budget of £120,000.

Background

5.2 General description of the service

5.3 This mandated programme measures height and weight in reception year and year 6 in all children in Bromley in maintained schools and academies. The measurements are fed into a national NCMP programme. This programme also requires the local NCMP team to write to parents of the children measured.

5.4 This service has been delivered by BHC as part of a childhood obesity service. The other parts of the childhood obesity service are being decommissioned from April 2017.

5.5 Outcomes

5.6 The national target is to measure at least 85% of children in Year R and Year 6 in maintained or academy primary schools in Bromley. In the last year 91% of children were measured in Bromley.

Table 2. Obesity and Overweight in Bromley children compared to London and England

Indicator	Period	England	London	Bromley
Obese children (4-5 years)	2014/15	9.1	10.1 Red	7.7 Green
Obese children (10-11 years)	2014/15	19.1	22.6 Red	16.5 Green
Excess weight in 4-5 year olds	2013/14	22.5	23.1 Red	21.3 Amber
Excess weight in 10-11 year olds	2013/14	33.5	37.6 Red	29.9 Green

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The proposal set out in this report is consistent with current policy and is in line with the proposal for the Council's Public Health budget for 2017/18.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Current expenditure on NCMP is £120k annually. The proposed procurement of this contract for 3 years will cost £360k.

7.2 These services are funded by Public Health Grant which is a central government grant which is ring-fenced until 2017/18. In the next few years Bromley will see a reduction in grant as outlined in the table below.

Table 4

	16/17 BUDGET	17/18 BUDGET	
	£000	£000	
Grant income	-12,954	-12,954	
Additional Health Visiting Grant	-3,802	-3,802	
2015/16 in year grant reduction	919	919	
Grant reductions announced	358	740	
Total Grant	-15,479	-15,097	

7.3 The 2016/17 Budget includes further losses on public health funding over the period 2016/17 to 2019/20. Recently announced grants reductions in the settlement show a loss of £358k in 2016/17 and an additional reduction in 2017/18 of £382k (cumulative £740k).

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Local Authority has a statutory responsibility to commission NCMP under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

9. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

Option 1. Do nothing.

This is not an option as NCMP is mandated.

Option 2. Recommission the service as it is now

This is not an option as the block contract with BHC ends in September 2017.

Option 3.

Procure NCMP as a standalone service.

There are no other commissioned Public Health services in schools from April 2017, and therefore no obvious service to tender this service with.

Table 3. Proposed Timetable for Tendering Process

April to September 2016	Service Model Developed National Specification Localised with Specific Local Metrics and KPIs
October 2016 to March 2017	Tendering process from advertisement to award contract
April to September 2017	Mobilisation
1 st October 2017	Commence new service

10. CUSTOMER PROFILE

- 10.1 NCMP is offered to all children in Bromley schools in reception and year 6. This service is offered to more than 4,000 children in each of these year groups as Bromley is a net importer of children into Bromley schools.

11. STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

- 11.1 None

12. SERVICE PROFILE / DATA ANALYSIS

- 12.1 See 5.1.3

13. MARKET CONSIDERATIONS

- 13.1 There are likely to be a number of potential providers for the NCMP service as minimal specialist training or knowledge is required.

14. OUTLINE CONTRACTING PROPOSALS & PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

- 14.1 To be developed as part of joint work with Children Social Care. If this option is shown to be non-viable, it is proposed to tender for this service separately.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	23 June 2015 Care Services PDS. "Transfer of Health Visitors to the Local Authority" CS15916 10 February 2016. Executive. Council's Proposal for the Public Health Budget 2016/17 and 2017-18.