

**Decision Maker:** PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR CARE SERVICES

**Date:** For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Care Services Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

**Title:** FORMAL CONSULTATION ON OUTLINE SERVICE PROPOSALS AND PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR POINT OF CARE TESTING TO SUPPORT THE NHS HEALTH CHECKS PROGRAMME PART 1 (PUBLIC) REPORT

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**Chief Officer:** Director of Public Health

**Ward:** Borough-wide

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 Point of Care Testing (POCT) is used for the cholesterol and HbA1C blood tests which are an integral part of the NHS Health Check programme. Under the Health & Social Care Act 2012, the NHS Health Check is a mandatory Public Health function managed by the Public Health Team at the Council.
  - 1.2 The aim of the programme is to prevent vascular diseases including heart disease, stroke, diabetes and kidney disease, and raise awareness of dementia. Various tests (blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index) are used to assess individual's risk of developing heart disease and stroke.
  - 1.3 The current contract for the provision of this service was called off from the Public Health Framework which expires in March 2018. This contract cannot be extended further.
  - 1.4 The Part 2 (Exempt) report puts forward a business case to maintain current contractual arrangements and requests approval for an exemption for tendering for 3 years.
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2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Care Services PDS Committee is asked to note the contents of this report prior to the Portfolio Holder for Care Services being requested to consider the proposal for future arrangements in the Part 2 (Exempt) report.

### Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Not Applicable. See Part 2 (Exempt) Report.
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### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy Context/Statements
  2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council Supporting Independence Healthy Bromley
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated Cost: £300k over 3 years
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Head of Vascular Disease Prevention Programme (NHS Health Checks)
  4. Total current budget for this head: £683,070 (NHS Health Checks), 2017-18
  5. Source of funding: Public Health Grant
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### Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): Not Applicable
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not Applicable
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable: The Executive decision is in the Part 2 (Exempt) report.
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### Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: See Part 2 (Exempt) Report.
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): 95,000 users
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

### 3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 Under the Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013, the NHS Health Check is a mandatory Public Health function. The aim of the programme is to prevent vascular diseases including heart disease, stroke, diabetes and kidney disease, and raise awareness of dementia. Various tests (blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index) are used to assess individual's risk of developing heart disease and stroke.
- 3.2 A Point of Care Testing (POCT) Service provides the equipment, consumables and training required for the cholesterol and HbA1c (diabetes) blood test which is an important part of the NHS Health Check programme.

#### Contract History

- 3.3 The Public Health Framework and appointments thereto, were approved by Executive on 12 February 2014 (CS14018) for a period of 2 years, with the option to extend for a further period of 2 years. Subsequently, a two year extension was approved by the Executive on 14 October 2015 (CS159250) to 2 March 2018.
- 3.4 Point of Care Testing Service to Support the NHS Health Checks Programme was procured through the Framework with only one provider.
- 3.5 A direct call-off from the Framework and award of contract for a period of one year (1/4/16 – 31/3/17) with the option to extend for one further year was approved by the Care Services PDS on 10 March 2016 (CS16037).
- 3.6 The final one year extension (1/4/17 - 31/3/18) was later approved by the Executive on 18 October 2016 (CS17046). The contract, however, cannot be extended further within the Framework.
- 3.7 This is due to de-commissioning of some Public Health Services and consolidation of others, Point of Care Testing is the only remaining service under the Public Health Services Framework. It is therefore not anticipated that the Framework will be re-tendered after March 2018.
- 3.8 The Commissioner therefore recommends maintaining current contractual arrangements and an exemption from tendering the service is approved for the reasons stated in the Part 2 report.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	<b>NB All these n/a sections are included in Part 2 report</b> Personnel Implications and Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children Service Provision Market considerations Outline of Procurement Strategy and Contracting Proposals Customer Profile Stakeholder Consultation Sustainability/Impact assessments Policy Considerations Commissioning & Procurement Considerations Financial Considerations Legal Considerations
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<p>Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)</p>	<p>Reports relating to the Public Health Framework 12 February 2014 (CS14018) 14 October 2015 (CS159250) 10 March 2016 (CS16037)</p> <p>The NHS Health Checks programme is mandated under Part 2 of the <u>The Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013</u></p>
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