

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 15 March 2018

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People

PORTFOLIO: Health & Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Direct Award of contract to Age UK Mid Mersey for the provision of information, participation, social inclusion and safe and well schemes in Halton

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To seek approval for the granting of a Direct Award of a contract for the delivery of information, social inclusion and safe and well schemes to Age UK from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2021

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That Executive Board

- 1) **Agree to the use of Procurement Standing Orders 1.14.3 to waive Standing Order 3.1 in respect of contracts below the EU threshold and in compliance with Standing Order 1.14.3(d)”; and**
- 2) **Agrees to award a contract to the Age UK Mid-Mersey for a three year period from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2021.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Age UK Mid-Mersey have been providing information, participation, social inclusion and safe and well schemes in the borough for the past three years. The range of schemes have been funded through annual contracts with the council and additionally funded through the local and national Age UK charity.

3.2 The council is currently working with NHS Halton CCG, health and social care providers and the voluntary sector to develop its approach to out of hospital services. Until this has been completed, the service provided by AGE UK Mid-Mersey is required to ensure continuity

3.3 The intention is to award Age UK Mid-Mersey a contract for a three

year period from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2021. This will provide the authority with sufficient flexibility to re-commission services at an earlier date if required.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Continuing this service supports the council in its development of out of hospital services with NHS Halton CCG and the wider health and social care sector

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The total financial cost to the authority is £173,925 per annum. Total Contract Value over the three year term is £521,775. This breaks down per year as follows

Safe and Well	61,000
Information	78,000
Installation Officer	16,650
Participation	
Groups	<u>18,275</u>

5.2 The cost of this contract can be met within existing budget allocations.

5.3 The contract value will be reduced by 10% in 2019/20 and by a further 10% in £2020/21

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

N/a

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

Age UK Mid Mersey provides volunteering opportunities and associated training and development opportunities for residents of Halton

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

This service makes an important contribution to the health and social care system in Halton

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

N/a

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

N/a

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 This contract falls below the current EU Light Touch Regime threshold of £615,278, and subsequently the risk of challenge will be negligible.

7.2 The Quality Assurance Team will continue to monitor this service and ensure the Council and Halton residents receive value for money.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

None identified

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None.