

**REPORT TO:** Executive Board  
**DATE:** 16 November 2017  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Director of Public Health  
**PORTFOLIO:** Health and Wellbeing  
**SUBJECT:** 0 – 19 Healthy Child Service Tender

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek Executive Board approval to award a contract to deliver the 0 – 19 Healthy Child Service to the preferred supplier determined at the conclusion of the evaluation process on 14 November 2017.

**2. RECOMMENDED: That In accordance with Standing Order 2.10.2, the Executive Board authorise the Director of Public Health to enter into a contract with the preferred supplier who through an open tender process has been assessed as being the most economically advantageous and effective organisation to deliver a 0 – 19 Healthy Child Service of those who tendered. The contract will be awarded for a period of 5 years with the option of two additional one year contracts.**

**3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 In February 2017 the Executive Board granted authority to the Director of Public Health to carry out all necessary steps in relation to the open tendering and commissioning of a 0 -19 Healthy Child Service (incorporating Health Visiting, the Family Nurse Partnership and School Nursing).

3.2 The tender opportunity was advertised via Halton's e-procurement system, Due North (The Chest) on 10 October 2017, with a closing date of 1 November 2017. The evaluation was completed on 14 November 2017. The details are presented to the Executive Board on 16 November 2017.

3.3 The tender documentation was assessed based on 25% price and 50% quality. Qualifying organisations were invited to the interview stage. Providers were asked questions about key aspects of service delivery which had been highlighted at tender evaluation stage. The presentation stage represented a further 25% of the overall assessment score.

3.4 Following the interview stage, the tender scores were determined and the successful organisation awarded the contract by the Director of Public Health through the authorisation of the Executive Board.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The contract is awarded in line with Halton Borough Council's Procurement Policy and the service will support Halton's Health and Well Being Board Strategy and Children's Plan. The Service will support the Council in meeting its statutory duties with regards to public health services for children and young people.

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The tender price submitted by the preferred supplier is within the indicative budget set for the service and is presented to the Executive Board. This includes the annual efficiencies agreed as part of the medium term financial strategy.

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

##### **6.1 Children & Young People in Halton**

The service contributes to the delivery of the objectives of the Halton Children's Plan.

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

The service will contribute to supporting all children, young people and families to have the best possible start in life.

##### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

The service contributes to the delivery of the objectives of the Health and Wellbeing Board and supports the effective delivery of essential services and support to all families, children and young people in Halton.

##### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

The service contributes to a Safer Halton by supporting young people in reducing risk taking behaviour, such as alcohol, drugs, etc. Community services also play an important role in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

##### **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

#### **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

- 7.1 Financial risk is minimised by awarding the contract within confirmed budgets.

7.2 As part of the procurement process, Halton Borough Council has carried out a financial assessment on the preferred supplier and has confirmed that they are a financially viable organisation.

## **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 The preferred supplier will be required to demonstrate that they embrace and comply with the Equality Act, and their services will be monitored to ensure this is the case.

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

9.1 None.