

**TITLE OF REPORT:** Tenders for the Supply of Goods and Services

**REPORT OF:** Mike Barker, Strategic Director Corporate Services and Governance

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### **Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to ask Cabinet to consider the tenders received for the Contract for the Provision of an Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service.
2. The background to this contract is contained in the attached appendix.

### **Proposal**

3. Cabinet is asked to agree and note the recommendations below.

### **Recommendations**

4. It is recommended Cabinet agree that the tender received from South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust be accepted for a 48 month period commencing 1 April 2019 with an option to extend for a further 2 x 12 month periods.

For the following reasons:

- i) A comprehensive evaluation of the tender received from South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust has been undertaken. The tender received from South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust passed all the required evaluation criteria and was the only compliant bid received to deliver this contract.
- ii) The tender received from Community Based Care Health Ltd was deemed to be non-compliant as its costs considerably exceeded the maximum annual budget of £1,125,000 stated in the tender documents and therefore could not be considered to deliver this contract.

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### Policy Context

1. The Contract for the Provision of an Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service has been organised in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules

### Background

2. The contract is being arranged on behalf of Care, Wellbeing & Learning, Public Health. The contract is for a 48 month period commencing 1 April 2019 with an option to extend for a further 2 x 12 month periods.
3. This service will deliver sexual health services for the local population including STI and HIV testing and contraception. The service will have approaches for specific client groups with an emphasis on prevention and early intervention and reducing risky behaviour. The Provider will work with the Council to deliver innovative and effective approaches to support people to access Sexual Health services across the borough. Access to the service shall be available through various channels and in locations that are inclusive and address both the urban and rural localities. Seldom heard groups will be effectively engaged. The service will include a digital offer to support Service Users to gain access to timely interventions including an effective website that enables people to access self-help, advice and information and also make appointments. It will also include on-line offer for self-testing to increase the uptake of testing and achieve quick turn-around for effective treatment.
4. Tenders were received from:  
  
Community Based Care Health Ltd  
South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust

### Consultation

5. Consultation has taken place with Stakeholders, Providers and Service Users during the development of the specification model.

### Alternative Options

6. The anticipated value of this contract exceeded the threshold requiring competitive tenders to be invited in accordance with the EU Public Procurement Directives; therefore, there are no alternative options

### Implications of Recommended Option

7. **Resources:**
  - a) **Financial Implications** – The Strategic Director, Corporate Resources, confirms that award of the contract at £1,125,000 per annum will deliver a budget saving of £210,000 per annum which will be factored into the revenue budget for 2019/20

b) **Human Resources Implications – Nil**

c) **Property Implications -Nil**

8. **Risk Management Implication – Nil**

9. **Equality and Diversity Implications –** The recommended tenderer meets the legal obligations of the Equality Act 2010.

10. **Crime and Disorder Implications – Nil.**

11. **Health Implications –** The award of this contract service will ensure that the Council meets its duty to promote and protect the sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing of the local population through provision of comprehensive open access sexual health and contraceptive services (including testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, contraception outside of the GP contract and sexual health promotion and disease prevention).

12. **Sustainability Implications – Nil**

13. **Human Rights Implications - Nil**

14. **Area and Ward Implications -Nil**

#### **Background Information**

15. The documents that have been relied on in the preparation of the report include the received tenders.