

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD AND ICB SUB-COMMITTEE

12 September 2023

Title: Urgent Action - Extension to 0-19 Integrated Healthy Child Programme Service Contract	
Report of the LBB Chief Executive	
Open Report	For Decision
Wards Affected: None	Key Decision: No
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Summary <p>The 0-19 Healthy Child Programme service is a statutory service funded under the Council's Public Health Grant, providing public health input for every child in the borough in the form of the Health Visiting and School Nursing services and National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). A five-year contract was entered into with the North East London Foundation Trust (NELFT) to provide the service, which commenced on 1 September 2018.</p> <p>The Department for Health released the latest 0-19 Healthy Child Programme Guidance in June 2023, which aligns outcomes with the Family Hubs. There is also a review of the Public Health Grant currently being undertaken, which will present findings to the Lead Member later this year.</p> <p>As the attached report explains (Appendix 1), the Director of Public Health was of the view that given the scale and complexity of the procurement and to allow sufficient time to fully consider the implications of the new guidance and the available budget, it would be beneficial to pause the commissioning of a new long-term contract and extend the existing contract with NELFT up to the end of 2024. The value of the contract extension is estimated at £8.3m for the 16-month period.</p> <p>As the contract extension needed to be in place for 1 September 2023 and the next meeting of the Board was not until 12 September, the Council's Chief Executive agreed that it was in the Council's best interests to approve the extension of the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme service contract under the Urgent Action provisions of Part 2, Chapter 17, paragraph 15 of the Council Constitution. In accordance with the Urgent Action procedure, the Chairs of the Council's Health and Wellbeing Board and Health Scrutiny Committee were advised of the proposal prior to the decision being taken and the matter is being reported to this meeting for information.</p>	

Recommendation(s)

The HWB and ICB Sub-Committee are asked to note the action taken by the Council's Chief Executive, in accordance with the Urgent Action procedure under Part 2, Chapter 16, paragraph 4 of the Council Constitution, in relation to:

- (i) Agreeing to waive tendering requirements and approve the variation of the contract for the provision of the integrated 0-19 Healthy Child Programme with NELFT for a period of 16 months from 1 September 2023 to 31 December 2024, in accordance with the strategy set out in the report; and
- (ii) Delegating authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health Integration, to enter into the extended contract and all other necessary or ancillary agreements with NELFT to fully implement and effect the proposals.

Reason(s)

To accord with the requirements of the urgency procedures contained within the Council Constitution.

Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:

- Chief Executive's signed letter of 25 August 2023 "Urgent Action under Part 2, Chapter 16, paragraph 4 of the Constitution – Extension to 0-19 Integrated Healthy Child Programme Service Contract"
(<https://modgov.lbbd.gov.uk/Internet/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=14766>)

List of appendices:

- **Appendix 1** - Report entitled "Extension to 0-19 Integrated Healthy Child Programme Service Contract"