

**Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS)**

**Date: 20 December 2016**

**Subject: The award of interim contracts to existing third sector, GP and pharmacy providers of public health services**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**1 Purpose of this report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an opportunity to formally outline some of the areas of work and activity of the Chair of the Scrutiny Board since the last meeting.

**2 Main issues**

2.1 On 25 November 2016, a new notice of a forthcoming Key Decision was published; relating to the award of interim contracts to existing third sector, GP and pharmacy providers of public health services. The decision maker will be Director of Public Health.

2.2 As part of the notification, it was stated:

*'When Public Health transferred to the Council, the existing PCT contracts held with the third sector, GPs and pharmacies were reviewed and new 3 year contracts were awarded, which are due to expire on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Since the transfer, Public Health has been undertaking a structured approach to re-commissioning public health services to ensure a high quality and value for money solutions are achieved.*

*This decision is seeking approval to award new contracts to some existing third sector, pharmacy and GP providers from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to maintain service continuity and to provide additional time for Public Health to participate in their strategic reviews. The contracts with the third sector organisations deliver a range of services including women's, street workers, travellers and for public mental*

*health. The GP and pharmacy contracts provide locally enhanced services (LESS) to directly support people with their substance misuse and sexual health.'*

- 2.3 At the time of publication of the notification, the Chair of the Scrutiny Board requested that sufficient time be allowed for the details to be reported to, and considered by the Scrutiny Board, prior to any final decision. The decision date has been stated as '*...not before 3 January 2017*'.
- 2.4 The Director of Public Health has since advised the decision-making report is due to be published on 16 December 2016. As such, the decision-making report will be provided to members of the Scrutiny Board in advance of its meeting, for consideration on 20 December 2016.
- 3 Recommendations** Members are asked to consider the content of this report and any additional information provided, in order to identify any specific matters that may require further scrutiny input/ activity.
- 4. Background papers<sup>1</sup>**
- 4.1 None used

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.