

## Department for Transport Social Prescribing and Walking and Cycling Pilot – Monitoring and Evaluation Services

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Report of: Public Health Manager (Adults and Health)

Report to: Chief Officer Operations and Active Leeds

Will the decision be open for call in?  Yes  No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?  Yes  No

### Brief summary

The subject of this report is to seek the approval of a high-value procurement via an open procurement through Yortender for the provision of monitoring and evaluation services to track, and monitor the outputs, outcomes and benefits of the DFT Active Travel Social Prescribing Pilot.

### Recommendations

- a) In respect of the DFT funded Active Travel Social Prescribing Pilot, the Head of Operations and Active Leeds is recommended to approve a high value procurement via an open procurement through Yortender in accordance with CPR9 – ‘Over £100k - High Value Procurements’. The procurement will be for a maximum fee of £150,000.

### What is this report about?

- 1 It is proposed that a high value procurement is undertaken via an open procurement through Yortender in accordance with CPR9' Over £100k - High Value Procurements'. The procurement will be for a maximum fee of £150,000.

### What impact will this proposal have?

- 2 The Pilot will aim to:
  - Increase physical activity levels through social prescribing of walking and cycling in people living in Burmantofts, Harehills and Richmond Hill (BHR) areas of Leeds and who experience high levels of deprivation and face complex, challenging and interrelated health inequalities
  - Facilitate a shift to active travel for commuting, utility and leisure journeys
  - Improve self-reported measures of perceived health and wellbeing within Burmantofts, Harehills and Richmond Hill Primary Care Network.
  - Enhance the existing Social Prescribing walking and cycling offer in BHR

3 Monitoring and Evaluation is a requirement of the DFT funding

### How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing       Inclusive Growth       Zero Carbon

4 The evaluation will allow LCC to assess the impact of the interventions delivered as part of the Social Prescribing Pilot on health markers and enable us to make informed decisions on the efficacy of the outputs. This is also a requirement of the Department for Transport. f

### What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected: Burmantofts, Harehills & Richmond Hill

Have ward members been consulted?       Yes       No

### What are the resource implications?

- 5 The procurement is for a maximum value of £150,000 and this is being funded externally by the Department for Transport.

## **What are the key risks and how are they being managed?**

- 6 The Pilot started officially from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022. Undertaking a procurement exercise will mean a delay in the M & E component of the project. We have informed the DFT of delay and instigated the collection of baseline data ready for our successful contractor.
- 7 Difficult to ascertain market interest in tendering. We have met with academic partners and consultants to explore interest and promote national profile of the pilot

## **What are the legal implications?**

- 8 The procurement will be undertaken via Yortender in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

Upon completion of the procurement a contract will be awarded to the successful bidder based on the Council's standard Consultancy terms and conditions.

## **Options, timescales and measuring success**

### **What other options were considered?**

- 9 The option to conduct the monitoring and evaluation internally was considered, however, we do not have the skills or capacity to conduct this undertaking internally.
- 10 City wide contract frameworks were explored but nothing currently available

### **How will success be measured? A clear monitoring and evaluation plan is a requirement of the DFT with both impact and process data being collected. The following outlines the outcomes we will measured against:**

- Address local community identified need relating to underrepresented groups, high levels of deprivation and health inequalities.
- To increase levels of physical activity through cycling and walking
- To demonstrate clear links between infrastructure development and the proposed social prescribing schemes.
- To support modal shift to active travel providing people with travel choices and supporting changes in behaviour.

### **What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?**

- 11 The procurement will end in February when the contract will be awarded to the most economically advantageous bidder.
- 12 The Project team and Steering group will be responsible for implementation
- 13 M & E will be completed and delivered by October 2025

### **Appendices**

- 14 None.

### **Background papers**

- 15 None.