

Officer Decisions

Joint Associate Director of Commissioning - Tim Golby

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision

The budget for CP788-12 – Healthwatch Devon has been reduced. Community Council of Devon, trading as: Devon Communities Together (CCD/DCT), as the provider of contract and in line with the cost strategy contained in the contract have provided a report which details the impact the reduction in budget will have on service delivery.

Decision Taken

To extend the contract for one year from 1st April 2016 until 31st March 2017 in line with the original provision of the contract and to accept the proposals contained within the report from CCD/DCT.

At a meeting of the Joint Commissioning Co-ordination Group on 16th September 2015 the funding partners decide that the budget for Healthwatch Devon would be set at £720k for 2016-17. This includes a reduction of £169.75K for the local engagement element of the contract. Devon County Council and NEW Devon CCG will still be investing in the local engagement element of the contract for 2016-17. South Devon and Torbay CCG will not be investing in the contract and hence they will not commission engagement services via this contract as of 1st April 2016.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected

3 options were presented for consideration

Option 1

A one year extension of the Healthwatch contract with a fixed budget of 468K statutory funding plus 152K local engagement funding

Option 2

A one year extension of the Healthwatch contract with a fixed budget of 468K statutory funding plus a fixed cost (to be negotiated with HWD) to cover the gateway function only

Option 3

A one year extension of the statutory HWD contract with a fixed budget of 468K and no local engagement element

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation

None

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