

Officer Key Decision Record – Approval to Tender for a support and rehabilitation service for adults with a visual impairment

Chief Officer taking the decision	John Dixon – Strategic Director for People
Date of Decision (not before 24 March 2016)	24 March 2016

Decision Taken

That the Strategic Director of People Group

1. Approves the commencement of a procurement process for a support and rehabilitation service for adults with a visual impairment who are resident in Warwickshire.
2. Approves and authorises the Head of Service for Strategic Commissioning to enter into all relevant contracts for the provision of support and rehabilitation service for adults with a visual impairment on terms and conditions acceptable to the Strategic Director of Resources.

Reasons for Decisions

The authority of the Chief Officer to commence a procurement process was required in this instance.

Background Information

Warwickshire County Council currently contracts with Warwickshire Vision Support (formerly known as Warwickshire Association for the Blind (WAB) for the delivery of a support and rehabilitation service for adults with a visual impairment. The service has been in operation since 2005.

The current contract value is £187,890 per annum. This is funded by the People Group Adult Social Care and Support service.

An exemption has been approved for services until the end of September 2016 to allow sufficient time for the service to be tendered and to ensure that any transitional plans can be fulfilled in the event of a change of provider.

Work is underway to develop a new outcome based service specification to ensure the future service is fit for purpose and is Care Act compliant. Feedback collected during consultation with customers will be used to inform the future specification for services. The specification will be co-produced with current customers.

The process for the retender of a support and rehabilitation service for adults with a visual impairment will begin from the April 2016, with the intention to award and commence services from 1st October 2016.

It is proposed that the new service will have a contractual duration of 3 years, with the option to extend for a further 2 years based on satisfactory performance.

Financial Implications

£187,890

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered - please include link to report

Link to published proposed decision report:

List of Background Papers - please include a contact for access to background papers

None

Members and officers consulted or informed

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