

Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.

B096/24

If not a Key Decision write n/a above

OFFICER DECISION RECORD ⁱ

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Subject: To extend the existing contract for the provision of the Public Health Nursing service

Type of Decision: Executive

Key Decision (Executive Functions only): Yes

Executive Member/Committee Chairman:

Morris Bright MBE, Executive Member for Public Health & Community Safety

Portfolio (Executive Functions only):

Public Health & Community Safety

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1. **Decision**

To extend the existing contract for the provision of Public Health Nursing Service

2. **Reasons for the decision**

The existing services provided by the incumbent provider, Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust continue to perform well and in line with the Council's requirements. There is a need to develop and transform the service so that it meets emerging population health needs, and that it

operates as part of an integrated landscape of service provision to deliver the Healthy Child Programme in Hertfordshire.

3. **Alternative options considered and rejected**

Option 1 – Continue service provision without transformation

This option is not desirable.

- Service specifications are outdated and do not support the service to develop new approaches, evidence-based interventions, and a cost-effective staffing model.
- The landscape for services for families with 0-19 year old children is complex and changing, and requires the Public Health Nursing service to be adaptive and flexible.

Option 2 – Transform the existing service

This is the most desirable option

- Officers have explored transformation options with the service provider and partners. Transformation is possible, and should enable the service to deliver the Health Child Programme through a sustainable model.
- Transformation requires the existing contract to be extended so that transformation can take place.
- Transformation will develop new delivery models and practices that may be procured through competitive or other appropriate procedures.

Option 3 - Explore alternative service providers

This option is not desirable

- The current model could be delivered by other providers, including organisations delivering similar services in other areas. However, procuring the same service by another provider would not provide a stable basis for the necessary service developments to take place.

4. **Consultation** (*see Summary of Requirements below*)

Was any Councillor consulted? **Yes** (*delete as applicable*)

If yes:

- (a) Comments of Executive Member/Committee Chairman (*delete as applicable*)

The proposed extension of the contract for Public Health Nursing has been discussed with Morris Bright, Executive Member, Public Health and Community Safety. Morris is supportive of the proposal.

- (b) Comments of other consultees

N/A

5. Any conflict of interest declared by a councillor who has been consulted in relation to the decision

N/A

6. Following consultation with the Executive Member/Committee Chairman, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

Signed: Sarah Perman

Title: Director of Public Health

Date: 9 September 2024

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- All consultees
- hard & electronic copy (if required to be made available for public inspection) to Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.ⁱⁱ

Summary of Requirements to Inform/Consult Councillors

Significance of Proposed Action	Controversial	Relevant Councillor(s) to be Consulted
Technical/Professional/ Routine	No	No need to inform or consult councillors
Technical/Professional/ Routine	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Relevant Committee Chairman and, where appropriate, Local Councillor
Local	No	Executive Functions: Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Inform Local Councillor
Local	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Consult Local Councillor
General or County-wide	No	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman

General or County-wide	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) and the Leader of the Council Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman/Leaders all Political Groups
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