

West Sussex County Council

Proposed Executive Decision for **2 October 2018** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 11 October 2018**

The following proposed decision has been endorsed by the Cabinet Member and will come into effect at the end of the call-in period unless the call-in procedure is activated.

Decision Title & Ref No:	Procurement of Integrated Advocacy Services AH7_18-19
Cabinet Member responsible for Decision	Mrs Jupp - Cabinet Member for Adults and Health
West Sussex Plan priority	Independence in Later Life
Electoral Divisions	All Divisions
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	<p>This decision concerns the endorsement of the undertaking of a procurement exercise for integrated advocacy services to be delivered from April 2019, jointly with Brighton & Hove City Council and East Sussex County Council.</p> <p>The Council currently commissions a number of separate advocacy services; some jointly funded with West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). A decision was made in April 2018 to extend a number of these contracts until 31 March 2019, to allow for discussion and consideration of an integrated advocacy contract and procurement options with neighbouring Local Authorities.</p> <p>It is anticipated that a joint service would improve quality for service users and Council staff; give one point of access for service users and referrers, reduce duplication of services and reduce associated management costs.</p> <p>A procurement exercise would be followed from July 2018 to January 2019 and delegated authority be given to the Director of Adult Services to award the contract from April 2019 for a period of four years with an option to extend for a further two years at a cost of not more than £870,000 per annum.</p>
Decision	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Cabinet Member has approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) A joint procurement exercise for Integrated Advocacy Services with Brighton & Hove City Council and East Sussex County Council.(2) For a contract to be let up to a value of £359,500, to commence 1 July 2019 for 4 years, with an option for a further £292,929pa for mental

	<p>health advocacy services to become part of the contract from 1 April 2020 for the remainder of the contract term.</p> <p>(3) To delegate to the Executive Director of Adult Services to award the contract for Independent Mental Capacity Advocates, Independent Care Act Advocates to the most advantageous tenderer.</p>
Interest and nature of interest declared	None
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Background Papers	See report for details