

Subject:	Drug and Alcohol Services Recommissioning
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SUMMARY

The Local Authority has a responsibility under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to improve Public Health. As part of the ring-fenced Public Health Grant, the Council receives a 'Pooled Treatment Budget' of £718,300 to provide drug and alcohol services for residents.

All existing Drug and Alcohol Service contracts end on 31st March 2022, and new services will commence delivery from 1st April 2022.

The Cabinet Report sets out the commissioning process and the decision reached, following a 'Light Touch' competitive tender process, conducted between June and September 2021

1 BACKGROUND

1.1 As the Royal Borough's drug and alcohol contracts were reaching a natural end, there was an opportunity to consider taking a different approach to delivering drug and alcohol recovery support, that meets the needs of both residents with low level issues that may not be significantly impacting upon their lives at this point (but may lead to worse health outcomes in the long-term), and those with multiple disadvantages and complex behaviours including entrenched drug and alcohol issues, that are engaged with multiple local services. This delivery model builds on existing partnerships to encourage community cohesion and self-care and tackle key themes linked to multiple disadvantages.

2 DETAILS

1.2 The new contract brings together the clinical and psychosocial elements into one integrated contract. This will make the service easier to contractually manage, and better serve joint working at the interface between the different, but intrinsically linked services. Responsibility for Alcohol Community Detoxification and Pharmacy Harm Minimisation services are now also included, which equally supports closer working relationships.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Cabinet is recommended to award the drug and alcohol contract to the Preferred Provider for a 5-year term with the option to extend for a further two years.