

Public Report with Exempt Appendices
Delegated Officer Decision

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Delegated Officer Decision – 18 July 2023

Report Title

Officer Decision Record to award a Call Off arrangement referenced as a 'Work Order' to We Are With You (WAWY) via the Non-core Framework Agreement, to deliver the additional activities required in the utilisation of the Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant 23/24.

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

Yes

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

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Report Summary

WAWY have been awarded the Rotherham Alcohol and Drugs Services Core Contract and Non-Core Framework, referenced 20-336, which commenced 1st April 2023. This report outlines the decision to award a Work Order to the total value of £532,307.99 to WAWY via the Non-core Framework Agreement. This Work Order is required to deliver specific activities in the utilisation of the Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment & Recovery Grant (SSMTRG), which was agreed by Cabinet on 11th July 2022.

Recommendations

1. To agree to award the non-core Work Order(s) to WAWY for additional activity in the utilisation of the SSMTRG.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1- WAWY work order 001
Appendix 2- WAWY work order 002

Background Papers

[Cabinet Report](#) – 11th July 2022

[Cabinet report](#) – 22nd November 2021

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

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Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

Yes

An exemption is sought for Appendices 1 and 2 under Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 is requested, as this report contains commercially confidential information. It is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption would outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information as public release could jeopardise delivery of the project.

Contract ref 20-336

1. Background

- 1.1 As described in the [Cabinet paper](#) of 11 July, Rotherham were awarded a Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant of £1,128,684 for 2023/24.
- 1.2 £419,250 of this was allocated to WAWY in the grant plan submitted to OHID for the delivery of additional service provision, including additional prescribing capacity and staff posts. This was also to continue services started by the incumbent provider CGL. The Rotherham treatment service is branded as ROADS (provided by We are With You).
- 1.3 In addition to this, from the 1 July 2023 WAWY hold the responsibility for the residential rehabilitation element of the Grant to align with managing the overall residential rehabilitation pathway. This is as agreed by Cabinet in the paper of 22nd November 2021. This is part of the revised pathway for residential rehabilitation which is led by the treatment provider.
- 1.4 As of the 1st July 2023, WAWY, as treatment provider, manage all aspects of residential rehabilitation placements and the payments to external providers for these. An additional £113,057.99 for 2023/24 has been awarded to WAWY from the SSMTRG funding.

1.5 The total value of this Work Order awarded under this Officer Decision is £532,307.99.

2. Key Issues

2.1 Two separate work orders outline the additional service activity to be delivered under the SSMTRG (Work order 001, Appendix 1), and the other specifically regarding the transfer of the residential rehabilitation budget to WAWY (Work order 002, Appendix 2).

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 There are no options included. The recommendation is to award the Work Order(s) as appended to WAWY in utilisation of the SSMTRG as per the Cabinet paper. This is due to WAWY being the commissioned specialist drug and alcohol treatment provider, and the activities contained in the non-core Work Order(s) needing to be delivered by this specific provider in enhancing the delivery of the service.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 Consultation on the Grant funding is described in the Cabinet paper of the 11 July 2023.

4.2 These proposals have been considered at Public Health SMT on the 11 May 2023.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 The Work Order contract commencement was 1 April 2023 to ensure continuity from the previous provider and 1 June 2023 for the residential rehabilitation budget management as defined at 2.4.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications (to be written by the relevant Head of Finance and the Head of Procurement on behalf of s151 Officer)

6.1 The Core Contract and Non-Core Framework were awarded following an openly advertised competitive process undertaken in line with the Social and Other Specific Services provision of the Public Contract Regulations (as amended). The award of the Work Order(s) uses the Non-Core Framework which permits the commissioning of additional activity as described. Both the Core and Non-Core Framework were established on the basis of an initial 5-year term commencing 1 April 2023, with the option to extend annually for a further 5 years at the discretion of the Council.

6.2 All the proposed spending is included in the 23/24 budget for spending the grant monies.

7. Legal Advice and Implications (to be written by Legal Officer on behalf of Assistant Director Legal Services)

7.1 The Council has a non-core framework agreement with this provider. This agreement enables the Council to enter into call off contracts from time to time with the provider for additional services of the kind envisaged in this Officer Decision Report.

7.2 To enter into a call off contract, the Council and the provider must enter into a work order of the kind described in this Officer Decision Report.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 The activities detailed in the work order have created a number of additional posts to support service delivery. Details of the roles established are outlined within work order 001 (Appendix 1).

8.2 Staffing employed by CGL on this activity were transferred under TUPE to WAWY and this decision ensures continuity of service delivery and retention of staff.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 WAWY provide an all-age service; increased harm reduction, treatment and recovery options that will support all individuals accessing the service.

9.2 Simplification of the residential rehabilitation process will further support vulnerable adults who require this treatment intervention and in reducing the associated harms of substance misuse. This contract element is adults only.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 This is a universal grant for anyone who experiences substance misuse problems in Rotherham. It is known that poor physical and mental health is disproportionately experienced by some of the most vulnerable members of our local communities and the work order will aim to address inequality in health as a general principle, and to prioritise certain target groups through enhancement of engagement and outreach.

10.2 It will be key to ensure that any, and all areas of development resulting from the additional funding ensure equal access and outcomes across all of Rotherham's communities whilst ensuring that no protected equalities group is being unintentionally disadvantaged or excluded.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 The Service is already in place, and no new premises are being sought. There will be no additional implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change, and the changes within this proposal do not highlight any further impact on CO2 emissions.

12. Implications for Partners

- 12.1 The new substance misuse service ROADS are currently meeting with partners and stakeholders to promote the new service model (including the non-core elements) and to establish new relationships and pathways.
- 12.2. The drug & alcohol treatment service is an essential part of an existing substance misuse treatment system. The non-core activities will improve service delivery and enhance pathways between partner services and the treatment service.

13. Risks and Mitigation

- 13.1 Risk of underspend – the risk of underspend in staffing due to delays in recruiting to vacancies is managed via regular monitoring to ensure no gaps in service provision. There is also a risk of underspend on residential rehabilitation placements if the target for 2023/24 is not met. However, actual and forecasted spend will be reviewed regularly by WAWY and Commissioners.

14. Accountable Officers

Ben Anderson – Director of Public Health

Appendices

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