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<i>Lorna Byne/Karen Middlebrook, Procurement</i>	Corporate Services	24/04/26	18/05/2026	Various updates in the main body of the report and procurement implications included at 6.1 – 6.5
<i>Oscar Holden, Equalities</i>	Policy, Strategy and Engagement	24/04/26	11/05/26	
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	<p>Full Assessment completed and included with report</p>	NO	11/05/26
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<p>Background information MANDATORY: Insert headings for a few main public documents you have used or referenced to write this report. This is a legal requirement. For Cabinet reports, insert hyperlinks. Do not list private documents.</p>	Cabinet Paper – 16 March 2026 (link)		
<p>Appendices If appendices are essential to the understanding of the report, list titles here. Ensure that appendices have proper titles. List any appendices relevant to the decision being taken first with the Equality Analysis documents coming next and the Carbon Impact Assessment being listed as the last appendix for all reports.</p>	Appendix 1 – Part A Initial Equality Screening Assessment		
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Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Delegated Officer Decision – 16 June 2026

Report Title

Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant 2026/27

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

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Report Summary

Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC was awarded the 21-152 Integrated Public Health and Lifestyle Behaviour Change contract and a single supplier Non-Core Framework, referenced 21-152, which commenced 1 October 2023.

The decision is to award a contract to the value of £344,845 to Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC. The contract (Work Order 04) is required to deliver specific activities in the utilisation of the Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant 2026/27, which was agreed by Cabinet on 16 March 2026.

Recommendations

1. To award a contract (Work Order) to Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC to receive funding of £344,845 for additional activity in the utilisation of the of the Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant 2026/27.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 – Part A Initial Equality Screening Assessment

Background Papers

[Cabinet Report – 17 March 2025](#)

Confirmation of Supplementary Public Health Grants for 2025/26 and approval of grant spend

[Cabinet Report – 16 March 2026](#)

Public Health Grant for 2026/27

Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant Officer Decision Report (Long Report)

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

None

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant 2026/27

1. Background

- 1.1 In April 2023 the Council entered into the contract with Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC (Connect) for the Integrated Public Health and Lifestyle Behaviour Change Service (Get Healthy Rotherham - Wellbeing).

A Core Contract and sole supplier Non-Core Framework was awarded to Connect (enabling future call off contracts to be awarded – subject to additional funding), which commenced on 1 October 2023 and is due to expire on 30 September 2027.

- 1.2 To date three Work Orders have been awarded to Connect under the Non-Core Framework as follows:

Work Order 001 (02/04/24 – 31/03/25) - £344,845

This work order was to provide additional quit attempts, link smokers to effective interventions, boost community stop-smoking service (CSSS) capacity, build professional competence, and strengthen partnerships within local healthcare systems as well as the recruitment of an additional 3.5 dedicated specialist staff to provide smoking cessation interventions and support, delivering community groups, targeting areas of deprivation and manual and routine workers, providing access to specialist and non-specialist advisers in locations where the most addicted smokers routinely attend.

Work Order 002 (02/04/25 – 31/03/26) - £344,845

Like Work Order 001 this work order was to provide additional quit attempts, link smokers to effective interventions, boost CSSS capacity, build professional competence, and strengthen partnerships within local healthcare systems. It also allowed for the recruitment of an additional 4.5 dedicated specialist staff to provide smoking cessation interventions and support, delivering community groups, targeting areas of deprivation and manual and routine workers, providing access to specialist and non-specialist advisers in locations where the most addicted smokers routinely attend.

Work Order 003 (01/06/25 – 31/05/26) – £154,060

Work Order 003 was the creation of an activity hub hosted by Connect Healthcare to increase accessibility to exercise and activity for people with long-term health conditions, through a single referral route and use of health coaches. The work order allowed for the recruitment of an additional 3 dedicated specialist Health Coaches to connect people to activity opportunities that best suit their needs, including condition-specific and more generalised community-based activity sessions.

Total Spend to Date via the Non-Core Framework - £843,750

- 1.3 As described in the [Cabinet Report: Public Health Grant for 2026/27-16 March 2026](#), Rotherham's total protected smoking cessation allocation for 2026/27 is £898,386.00 of which £397,574 is for the Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant.

- 1.4 The intention is to award £344,845 of this allocation to Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC (Connect) to continue the delivery of additional service provision relating to the Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant 2026/27; aims continuing the activity previously commissioned in Work Order 001 and 002 for a further year.
- 1.5 The funding will stimulate additional quit attempts, link smokers to effective interventions, boost community stop-smoking service (CSSS) capacity, build professional competence, and strengthen partnerships within local healthcare systems.
- 1.6 The proposed activity aligns with the strategic aims detailed in the Tobacco Control Work Plan, with the majority of the grant being allocated to the CSSS.
- 1.7 A Procurement Business Case has not been completed for this contract award due to the timing of the grant allocation process and the approval of the Cabinet Report/Call In period in relation to the grant (agreed by Cabinet 16 March 2026). A new work order will be commissioned (Work Order 04) following approval of this Officer Decision report for £344,845 for one-year (2026/27).

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 This Work Order outlines the additional service activity to be delivered by Connect under the Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant.
- 2.2 The provider committed to five measures as part of its Social Value proposal for the initial contract term and is currently over-delivering on four of these commitments which is likely due to the increase in funding generated through the work orders undertaken previously and as detailed above, in particular the additional people employed to deliver the service.
- 2.3 The provider will continue to report additional social value delivered and achieved through this work order for the duration of the contract period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. Delivery to date equates to 10.21% SLEVA (Social, Local and Economic Value Added) through this commissioned contract and non-core framework call off activity demonstrating positive performance from the provider in this aspect - in addition to the core delivery of the contract. Ongoing monitoring will be undertaken to ensure that all measures continue to progress in line with the original proposal.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 The recommended option is to award this Work Order to Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC in utilisation of the Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant as outlined in the Cabinet paper of 16 March 2026, as the activity falls fully within the scope of the current arrangement and is already being delivered by Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC following the award of Work Orders 001 and 002.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 Consultation on the grant funding is described in the [Cabinet report of the 16 March 2026](#).

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC is currently delivering activities to be funded through the Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant at risk, services received will need to be reconciled for payment. Delivery continued at the start of the financial year to ensure continuity of services, pending completion of formal governance and contract documentation. Subject to the approval of this Officer Decision formal contractual documentation will be issued for signature and the contract can commence.

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 Council's Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules require that a Procurement Business Case is prepared and approved for contracts to be awarded with a value that exceeds £100,000. This was not completed by the service. It is noted that the approval is retrospective to services commencing for the purpose of service continuity.
- 6.2 The contract in question would be defined as health care services as set out in the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023, which became effective from 1 January 2024.
- 6.3 As the recommendations detailed in this report are proposing the award of a contract (work order) via the established Non-Core Framework, verification has been undertaken to confirm this action is permissible with the above Regulations; namely Regulation 29 (Transitional Arrangements) and Regulation 18 (Contracts Based on Framework Agreements).
- 6.4 An award notice must be published on the UK e-notification service (Find a Tender) within 30 days of the contract being awarded, which will highlight in the public domain the issue of contracts being awarded after services commence given the need to publish award dates (meaning date contract signed) and contract start and end dates).
- 6.5 Given the absence of a procurement business case, and retrospective approval, the award of this arrangement will be recorded as partially compliant.
- 6.6 This is fully funded by the Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant (LSSSASG), which from 2026/27 is ring fenced within the Public Health Grant and forms part of the £898,386, which must be spent on stop smoking activities.

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

- 7.1 The Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC (CHR) was awarded the Integrated Public Health and Lifestyle Behaviour Change contract and Non-Core Framework, which commenced on 1 October 2023. CHR is the sole supplier under the Framework. The decision is to award a contract valued at £344,845 to Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC. The contract (Non-Core Work Order) is required to deliver specific activities in the utilisation of the Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant 2025/26, which was agreed by Cabinet on 16 March 2026. The proposed decision, grant and award are appropriate within procurement regulations and the Council's governance rules.

The contract in question would be defined as health care services as set out in the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023, which became effective from 1 January 2024.

The award is compliant with the above Regulations; namely Regulation 29 (Transitional Arrangements) and Regulation 18 (Contracts Based on Framework Agreements).

Under the Council's Constitution, at Section 4C3, The Strategic Director, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health, is authorised to discharge executive functions through the commissioning and provision of social services for adults and public health services for the whole population, which includes commencement of procurements, including call off contracts under frameworks, such as this Framework.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

- 8.1 No HR implications associated with this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

- 9.1 The implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults are the same as the [Cabinet report published 16 March 2026](#).

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

- 10.1 The equality implications remain the same as the [Cabinet report published on the 17 March 2025](#).
- 10.2 An Initial Equality Screening Assessment (Part A) has been completed and is attached as Appendix 1. Within this document is a link to the (Part B) Equality Analysis Form from the [Cabinet report published on 17 March 2025](#).

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

- 11.1 The implications for CO2 emissions and climate change are the same as the [Cabinet paper published on 16 March 2026](#).

11.2 Appendix 3 to the *Public Health Grant for 2026/27* Cabinet report includes consideration of the implications in an impact assessment,

12. Implications for Partners

12.1. The implications for partners are the same as the previous [Cabinet report published 16 March 2026](#).

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.2 The Risk and Mitigations are outlined in the [Cabinet report of 16 March 2026](#).

14. Accountable Officers

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Initial Equality Screening Assessment (Part A)