

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – Report to Health and Wellbeing Board

1	Meeting:	Health and Wellbeing Board
2	Date:	3rd December 2014
3	Title:	Commissioning Framework
4	Directorate:	NAS

5. Summary

This report presents a Commissioning Framework for consideration by and consultation with the members of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The council commissions from the independent and voluntary community sector for a significant number of services across a large range of functions including social care, construction, catering services and business services. The council also has in place a number of grant funded arrangements with the voluntary community sector.

The council is seeking to continuously improve its commissioning practice utilising resources in the most economic, efficient and effective approach, supporting local economic growth and meeting the needs of communities and individuals.

6. Recommendations

That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- 6.1 Consider the Commissioning Framework**
- 6.2 Offer any comments and amendments**
- 6.3 Receive the final Commissioning Framework at a future meeting**

7. Background

7.1 Introduction

In order to continuously improve the quality of commissioning across the council this document has been developed to provide a framework for commissioning to ensure that there is consistent high quality commissioning activity that is in line with national good practice, is outcomes focused and meets the needs of the citizens and the council.

The framework sets out a definition of commissioning, the commissioning principles and the legal requirements. The intention is to have this framework agreed by the appropriate bodies, including Health and Wellbeing, and endorsed by the leader of the council as a public document.

The framework is deliberately concise and clearly sets out the required commissioning approach particularly regarding council Standing Orders, financial regulations, legislation and Equality and Diversity.

The Foreword by the leader will be completed before finalisation of the framework

7.2 Consultation

The consultation of the framework commences at the Health and Wellbeing board where comments and amendments are sought to improve the document. Partners views are extremely important in building a strong commissioning approach across the council.

The framework will be widely distributed for consultation with Elected Members, across the council, health and other partners and the VCS. Comments and amendments will be incorporated where appropriate. Please forward any comments to the author of this report.

8. Finance

There are no financial implications in this report

9 Risks and Uncertainties

1. That should the commissioning framework not be agreed and the strategic commissioning approach of the council will not be appropriately documented.
2. Should the framework not be endorsed there will be a lost opportunity to continuously improve the commissioning activity of the

10. Background papers

- Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations
- Social Value Act
- Localism Act
- EU procurement rules

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