

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH
19th December, 2014**

Present:- Councillor Doyle (in the Chair).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Andrews and Pitchley.

H41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this meeting.

H42. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended (information relating to the financial/business affairs of any person (including the Council) and is commercially confidential).

H43. COMMUNITY AND HOME CARE SERVICES TENDER OUTCOME AND AWARD

Further to Minute No. 33 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Adult Social Care and Health held on 17th November 2014, consideration was given to a report, presented by the Operational Commissioner, concerning the award of contracts for Domiciliary Care Services (Community and Home Care Services) for all adults within the independent sector, from 30th March 2015 to 31st March 2018 with an option to extend the contract for a further year until 31st March 2019.

The report contained detailed information about the outcome of the formal tender evaluation process, including financial information. The matter was being dealt with urgently, in view of the imminent contract award date.

Three alternative options for the award of this contract were explained in the report, including the financial consequences of each option. Details of risk assessments were also reported. It was noted that Option 2 was the preferred option for financial reasons. The conditions and performance of the contract will require all care providers to be compliant with provisions of the Care Act 2014 with effect from 1st April 2015.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the contract for Domiciliary Care Services (Community and Home Care Services) for all adults within the independent sector, from 30th March 2015 to 31st March 2018 be awarded to the eight highest quality providers, with seven delivering to all client groups and one provider

delivering specialist care to carers (all in accordance with Option 2 as detailed in the report now submitted).

(3) That the award of this contact shall include an option to extend the contract for a further period of twelve months ending on 31st March 2019, subject to monitoring and satisfactory performance.

(4) That quality assurance reports on the performance of the contract framework be submitted at quarterly intervals in 2015/16 to meetings of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Adult Social Care and Health.

(nb: subsequent to the meeting, the Mayor gave the necessary authorisation for this matter to be exempt from the Council's call-in procedure, to enable the contract to commence without delay)