

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ADULT CARE AND HEALTH SERVICES

TO:	HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD		
DATE:	22 JANUARY 2016	AGENDA ITEM:	16
TITLE:	SMOKING CESSATION SERVICE RE-PROCUREMENT		
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PURPOSE OF REPORT: TO CONFIRM THE CONTRACT AWARD FOR SMOKING CESSATION SERVICE CONTRACT TO SOLUTIONS 4 HEALTH.

CURRENT POSITION:

1. The Council participated in a joint tendering exercise with all other Berkshire unitary authorities (except Royal Borough Windsor and Maidenhead) to commission an evidence-based smoking cessation services aimed to help smokers quit.
2. The contract has been awarded to 'Solutions 4 Health' for a period of three times one years plus options to extend for up to a further two years. The investment required by Reading is up to £355,000 per annum.
3. The contract start date is 1st April 2016.

BACKGROUND TO THE DECISION:

- A competitive tender process was led by the Bracknell Forest Public Health Consultant, on behalf of Reading, Bracknell Forest, Slough, Wokingham and West Berkshire and therefore jointly undertaken by the shared Public Health team in Bracknell Forest and carried out in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.
- A Business Manager (Bracknell Forest Council) and Programme Officers from each of the participating unitary authorities evaluated the eligible tender submissions. The financial elements of the bids have been reviewed independently by the finance lead at Bracknell Forest.

OUTCOME:

- A unanimous decision to award the contract to Solutions 4 Health was reached.
- Authority to award the contract was delegated to the Consultant in Public Health in consultation with the Lead Member for Health and the Head of Finance and Head of Legal and Democratic Services.