

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Adult Social Care
<b>Date:</b>	23 July 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Single tender approval to extend existing DAAT substance misuse contracts.
<b>Reference:</b>	1606
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Adult Services

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#### 1. The following decisions were made:

- a) The Executive Member for Adult Social Care approved a single tender for the extension of the existing substance misuse contracts to bring them into line with the proposed procurement process and planned commencement of the new treatment system on 1 April 2011.
- b) The Executive Member for Adult Social Care approved that the contract term for the new HOMER contract be varied to 2 years+1year+1year in light of Government proposals in the White Paper *'Equity and Excellence:Liberating the NHS'*.

#### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1 Effective substance misuse services play a significant part in supporting the corporate priorities:
  - Hampshire safer and more secure for all – by promoting treatment services and encouraging users (including known offenders) to take up treatment options, as there is a known correlation between numbers entering treatment and a reduction in crime rates.
  - Maximising wellbeing – treatment and harm minimisation services have a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of individuals, their families, carers and communities.
- 2.2. A countywide strategic review of substance misuse services was launched during July 2008 in order to deliver the best possible configuration of drug and alcohol services in the county, to meet needs and targets within the available budget. This followed the announcement of significant reductions in

the centrally funded Adult Pooled Treatment budget administered by the National Treatment Agency.

- 2.3. Single Tender Approval was originally given (Executive Member Decision 929 - 11 December 2009) to extend existing contracts to 30 November 2010. Other contracts due to extend beyond 30 November 2010, were given notice to terminate on the same date. However, following consideration by Hampshire County Council and discussions with Hampshire PCT relating to the procurement process and nature of the contracting arrangements, a further extension is now required.
- 2.4. A revised tender timetable has meant that services currently commissioned by the DAAT and extended to 30 November 2010 now require an additional extension, to 31 March 2011.
- 2.5. If the procurement process were to slip for any reason a further extension may need to be requested. Any further extension request would again be brought to the Executive Member for Social Care, given the overall size of the contracts concerned and delegation in terms of such large sums of funding amounts is not appropriate.
- 2.6. In light of Government proposals in the White Paper *'Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS'* which outlines proposals to abolish Primary Care Trusts by April 2013, there is an increased financial risk to Hampshire County Council arising from a 3 year+1 year+1 year contract, as originally approved.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. None

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

**5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**23 July 2010**

**Executive Member for Adult Social Care  
Councillor Felicity Hindson**