



Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	Public Health Spending Review
Cabinet Member:	Wendy Brice-Thompson Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health
CMT Lead:	Isobel Cattermole, Interim Group Director - Children, Adults & Housing
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Policy context:	The responsibility for commissioning these public health services transferred to LBH under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
Financial summary:	The public health spending review proposes decommissioning a number of services to contribute £850K to LBH MTFS target for 16/17, and beyond, by redirecting this money from the ring-fenced public health grant to other LBH services allowing savings to be made in these services. The funding is primarily directed to early help which diverts needy families from statutory social care. These public health services (or alternative services to an equivalent value) need to be decommissioned in order to meet the 2016/17 LBH savings target. The lead in time for decommissioning is such that delays in decision making will undermine the service's ability to support other services to make their savings.

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Relevant OSC:	Health
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	No

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The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Havering will be clean and its environment will be cared for	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
People will be safe, in their homes and in the community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Residents will be proud to live in Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part A – Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

As part of the LBH Financial Strategy it was agreed that a significant proportion of the Public Health ring-fenced grant (approximately 30%) would be redirected to other council services to prevent them from being cut or to allow these services to make essential savings. Given the reduction in the public health grant in 15/16, 16/17 and 17/18, the Council needs to decommission some existing public health services. This report seeks approval to decommission these services with effect from 31st March 2016.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

Cabinet, at its meeting of 20 January 2016, resolved to delegate the final decision on whether to decommission the services listed in the report at paragraph two of the report to the Cabinet Member for Public Health following the conclusion of the public consultation.

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This decision is required to allow the Public Health Service to reduce existing expenditure in order to redirect funding to other LBH services. This is part of LBH's priority to achieve Medium Term Financial Strategy targets. The services this report seeks approval to decommission are outlined in the table below;

Services	£
Sexual ill Health Prevention: North East London Sexual Health Network (NELNET)	10,000
Sexual Health Prevention: Targeted Sexual Health "Young Addaction"	29,970
Sexual Health Prevention: Phoenix Counselling	35,000
Obesity-Children: LBH Leisure Services (MEND C4L Challenge)	42,000
Obesity-Children: LBH Leisure Services (Mend Plus Facilitator)	35,000
Physical Activity Adults: LBH Leisure Services (PARS)	66,000
Physical Activity Adults: LBH Leisure Services (PARS Facilitator)	35,000
Physical Activity Adults: PARS for Cancer Patients "Moving Forwards"	30,000

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Stop Smoking Services	404,000
Chlamydia screening office and associated activity	163,000
Total Saving	£849,970

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

All commissioned non-mandated public health services were in scope for the Public Health spending review of cost effectiveness which has informed these decommissioning proposals.

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

As part of the Council's Public Health spending review a public consultation was launched on 10th February 2016 and ran for four weeks, closing on 9th March 2016. The consultation process was publicised through Havering's own communication channels including the Council's website. Analysis of the responses was undertaken by the Council's Public Health Service.

In summary, the majority of respondents agreed with the Council's priorities for the allocation of the public health grant. However, on the more specific question of decommissioning services, most respondents did not support these proposals. Most negative responses related to the proposed decommissioning of the smoking cessation services and the bespoke exercise programme for cancer survivors. .

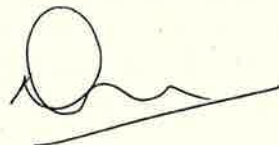
For further information, please see the consultation report which is included as a background paper.

NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Name: Daren Mulley

Designation: Public Health

Signature:



Date: 10th March 2016

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The services being put forward for decommissioning are 'non mandated' under the Health and Social Care Act, 2012. That does not mean they are not important for the health of our residents but we would not be breaking the law by not commissioning them.

Cabinet has already taken the decision to redirect a proportion of the ring-fenced public health grant to other LBH services (in line with the grant conditions) to offset cuts elsewhere. The proposals, for decommissioning services contained in this report, represent the 'least worst option' for achieving that redirection.

Officers have confirmed that providers of the services are aware of the spending review consultation and the possibility of services being decommissioned. Officers will check the contract terms and conditions for each contract to serve notice of contract termination in accordance with contract terms. Where the contract term expires there will be no need to terminate the contract but providers should be notified of the intention not to re-procure the service.

Cleared: Shupriya Iqbal – Legal Officer

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

It will not be possible for the Public Health Service to redirect the public health grant to other prioritised LBH services without decommissioning existing services. Achieving this switch is predicated on decommissioning these services by 31st March 2016. Every month we delay decommissioning these services (or services of a similar value) approx. £71K will not be directed to other services. With such a small and totally committed budget it would be impossible for the Public Health Service to make up this shortfall from within the public health grant. This short fall would then cause a further pressure on the corporate budget.

Cleared: Comie Campbell - Interim Strategic Finance Business Partner 08/03/2016

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS (AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)

These services are mainly commissioned from external organisations. The staffing implications and risks will rest with the provider organisations. There will be no accommodation implications or risks for LBH. Any such risks will lie with the provider organisations. The providers of these services have been given notice that the services they provide may not be commissioned by LBH beyond 31 March 2016.

Cleared: Connie Onap - Senior HR Advisor

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EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

A number of formal EIAs have been undertaken on these proposals. Actions to mitigate any negative impacts will be put in place, at least for a transition period, within available resources. Please see background papers for copies of the EIAs.

Cleared: Savinder Bhamra – Interim Corporate Policy and Diversity Officer

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Consultation Report



Public Health
Consultation Summary

EIAs



Cumulative Impact
Assessment



Addaction Targeted
Sexual Health Service



NELFT Smoking
Cessation Service



Physical Activity
Obesity Children



Relate Phoenix
Counselling Service



THT Chlamydia
Screening Service



YMCA PARS for
Cancer Patients

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Part C – Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Decision

Proposal agreed

Details of decision maker

Signed



Name: Wendy Brice-Thompson

Cabinet Portfolio held: Adult Social Services and Health

Date: 15/03/2016

Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to the proper officer, Andrew Beesley, Committee Administration & Interim Member Support Manager in the Town Hall.

For use by Committee Administration

This notice was lodged with me on 16 March 2016

Signed 