

## EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

**Name of decision maker: Neil Harden**

**Portfolio: Residents and Corporate Services**

**Date(s) of Portfolio Holder Decision(s):**

### NOT FOR PUBLICATION

**Title of Decision:** Award of contract for Reducing Social Isolation

**Procurement report in Part II only**

**Part II Reason:**

That the Procurement report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of particular persons.

(LGA 1972, Part VA, Schedule 12A paragraph 3).

**Decision made and reasons:**

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To approve the awarding of a contract to Age UK Dacorum for the Reducing Social Isolation Service for a 3 year contract with the option to extend up to a further 2 years.

**Reason:**

In October 2015 Cabinet agreed to introduce a commissioning approach to the funding of key services traditionally supplied by the Strategic Partnership Programme. One of the key services was the provision of a service aimed at reducing the social isolation of older people and their carers. This commissioning approach provides service users and residents with a service which is more appropriate to their needs and better value for money.

This service was commissioned in consultation with the voluntary sector, senior officers, portfolio holders and tendered on an outcome and fixed price basis to meet the needs of the Dacorum community. Part of the consultation process was to gather an evidence base on which to base consultations to get a proper understanding of the needs of Dacorum's older population to determine the best specification for the service to enhance, rather than duplicate, the service provided by Adult Social Care (HCC). An extensive consultation was undertaken with service users, their carers and statutory and voluntary organisations.

This contract has been tendered in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and one tender was received from the above organisation. This was evaluated against the quality criteria.

**Reports considered: (here reference can be made to specific documents)**

Evaluation report – attached

**Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:**

Chief Executive

Corporate management team

Cabinet Members

Assistant Director – Performance and Projects

Group Manager of Procurement, Commissioning & Compliance

Group Manager (People and Performance)

DBC Officers

Service Users

Dacorum residents

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### Monitoring Officer Comments:

The Contract award follows a regulated procurement process in accordance with the Council's Procurement Standing Orders. Further details of the procurement process and evaluation are provided in the Part II report.

### Deputy S151 Officer's Comments:

The contract award can be met from approved base budgets within the General Fund and the HRA.

### Implications:

#### Value for Money:

The contract was tendered on a fixed term basis per annum over the period of the contract

#### Financial:

The annual budget is £95,000 for each year of the term of the contract. The £95k includes £25,000 which is ring-fenced for the outcome 'Older people and carers live in warm, weather tight, safe and secure Council owned properties.'

The £25k is funded from the HRA.

The balance of £70k is funded from the annual budget for commissioning activities.

The Council had reduced the budget allocated to these services on consultation with key portfolio holders and senior officers.

#### Risk:

Should the Council not award this contract there would be no provision for Reducing Social Isolation among the growing older population within the borough which would lead to an increase in demand on the Council's own services as well as those of the health service and the VSC, while also putting vulnerable residents at risk.

### Portfolio Holders' Signature:

Date:

### Details of any interest declared and any dispensation given by the Standards Committee:

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