

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Thursday, 8 November 2018

**Decision No:** (CAB 18/19 21650)

DECISION-MAKER:	LEADER AND CLEAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Homes & Culture
SUBJECT:	Community Development Infrastructure and Navigation
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### THE DECISION

- (i) This report is presented as a general exception item in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules of Part 4 of the Council's Constitution. Amendments to the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to information) (England) Regulations 2012 require 28 days' notice to be given prior to determining all Key Decisions. Whilst the report did have the required 28 days' notice, the requirement to indicate potential elements of confidentiality was not complied with as notification of the decision was published on the 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.
- (ii) That the board note the feedback from the engagement exercise undertaken in October 2018, following Joint Commissioning board (JCB) briefing in September 2018.
- (iii) The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Clean Growth & Development delegates authority to the Director of Quality & Integration, following consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Clean Growth & Development to decide on the final model of commissioned services to support the provision of a Community Development and Navigation Service.
- (iv) The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Clean Growth & Development delegates authority to the Director of Quality & Integration following consultation with the Service Director Legal & Governance to carry out a procurement process for the provision of Community Development and Navigation services and to enter into contracts in accordance with the Contract Procedure Rules.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. There is growing evidence of the positive impact of community approaches on the wellbeing of individuals and, by contrast, the negative impact that social isolation and loneliness has on health and social care need.

Southampton has a thriving voluntary sector and the engagement exercise we have undertaken demonstrates that there is a real opportunity to build on this

to achieve an increase in volume and breadth.

The development of the community and voluntary sector is one of the priorities within the Southampton Better Care plan and a key building block to achieving the vision for individuals and families to be at the centre of their care and support; for provision of the right care and support, in the right place, at the right time; intervene earlier and build resilience in order to secure better outcomes by providing more coordinated, proactive services; focus on prevention and early intervention.

It should also help ensure optimum use of the health and care resources available in the community. The council and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) face funding challenges and need to consider new ways of working which build on the assets of individuals and the community.

2. There is an opportunity to bring together the commissioning of a service to provide the Infrastructure, to support community and voluntary activities, along with a Community Navigation service. Combining these into one contract brings additional benefits.

The proposal supports the strategic priorities of the council and CCG in

- promoting strengths based work
- being an early intervention city
- promoting independence and promoting resilient communities

The proposals provide the basis for a significant increase in activity in community and voluntary sector in the short and medium term but with the aim of long term sustainability. They also address the need to co-ordinate activity across the city for maximum impact.

A range of options to implement and/or procure the integrated model have been considered by Southampton City Council (SCC) and Southampton City CCG (SCCCG) in some detail. The benefits and challenges of each of these options have been explored, with a preference to procure a single contract. This would meet the requirements for an open tender in order to comply with procurement regulations.

## **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

1. A range of alternative options have been considered, including:
  - a. Continue to work with voluntary and community groups within current arrangements to increase the current activity and improve outcomes and procuring Community Navigation as a stand-alone service. This is not recommended as it is not viewed as being the best way to achieve significant change in the required timescale and it is resource heavy in terms of council staff. There is no dedicated resource within the council to undertake this work.
2. Procure a service which is separate to the arrangements for Community Navigation. This is not recommended as the benefits outlined in the report would not be realised and the opportunity to reduce the risk of overlap would not be realised.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Decision Maker:  
The Cabinet Member

Proper Officer:  
Judy Cordell

**SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on 15 November 2018

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*