

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 13 November 2012

Decision No: (CAB 12/13 9264)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE
PORTFOLIO AREA:	ADULT SOCIAL CARE
SUBJECT:	* ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSIONING PROCESS FOR HEALTHWATCH SOUTHAMPTON
AUTHOR:	Martin Day

THE DECISION

- (i) That approval be given to the Director of Health and Adult Social Care to procure Healthwatch Southampton to deliver the local Healthwatch services set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
- (ii) That authority be delegated to the Director of Health and Adult Social Care, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, to determine whether the arrangements for securing an NHS complaints advocacy service should be delivered jointly with other authorities in south east England, or provided as part of the local contract for Southampton.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Upper tier local authorities are required to establish local Healthwatch in their areas. Having examined and discounted other options the best solution would appear to be through following the procurement process.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Two options were considered and rejected. The first was grant aiding an organisation to establish Healthwatch Southampton. This was rejected on the grounds that it may not secure the most effective delivery model. The other option considered was for the Council to establish a social enterprise which would then deliver Healthwatch functions. This was rejected on the grounds that there appear to be organisations operating in the City which are likely to be able to deliver the services required.

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: 13th November 2012

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

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

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)*