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## DECISION RECORD <sup>1</sup>

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**Subject: COMMISSIONING OF PRIMARY CARE SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH HERTFORDSHIRE GP PRACTICES**

**Staff Contact: Carol Young**

**Executive Member: Richard Roberts**

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**Portfolio: Public Health and Prevention**

### 1. **Decision**

To Direct Award contract to GP's to deliver sexual health, health checks and stop smoking services

### 2. **Reasons for the decision**

Sexual Health services can only be provided through GP practices or via other specialist services such as Sexual Health Hertfordshire. There is no other provider that has the data intelligence which would enable risk estimation and identification of the eligible population for NHS Health Checks. If another provider were to do such a task, they would have to rely on data from general practices and would also have to ensure relevant data is sent back to general practices to populate patient records.

### 3. **Alternative options considered and rejected <sup>2</sup>**

The following options have been explored.

- **No longer commission GP's to deliver the Primary care services from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 when the current contract ends but this would mean that Hertfordshire County Council Public Health would not be meeting its national mandatory requirements and outcomes.**
- **A full competitive tender process for all GP's to tender for services, It is important that continuity of service provision is maintained. The current contract ends on 31st March 2019. It is paramount that there is no gap in service provision as local authorities has a legal obligation to make arrangements for each eligible person to be offered a NHS Health Check once in every five years. It is highly unlikely a new provider could be procured through competitive process before the 1st of April 2019**

### 4. **Consultation**

(a) **Comments of Executive Member <sup>3 4</sup>**

No Comment

(b) **Comments of other consultees <sup>5</sup>**

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5. Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Public

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

13/12/2018

6. Copies of agreed document to:

- All consultees
- Chairman, and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- hard & electronic copy (for public inspection both at County Hall and on Hertsdirect) Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.

<sup>1</sup> for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions"

<sup>2</sup> details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

<sup>3</sup> record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without seeking advice from the Chief Legal Officer

<sup>4</sup> If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of the Council will need to be consulted

<sup>5</sup> If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by e mail) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.