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To: Veronica Macmillan

Subject: Request for Deputation - 26th November 2015 Finance and Resources Committee

Dear Veronica

EVOC would like to request that a deputation from EVOC on behalf of the Substance Use Network Edinburgh (SUNE) be heard by the Finance and Resource Committee on 26th November 2015 at 10am.

The deputation wishes to bring to the attention of the Committee the views of SUNE on the decision related to the awarding of contracts for Adult Community Treatment Services, which is to be discussed under agenda item 7.

Please find a brief outline of the issues attached, which I will talk to.

I will attend along with Kate Kasprowicz, also from EVOC.

All the best,

Maria

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Finance and Resource Committee 26th November 2015
Deputation from EVOG on behalf of the Substance Use Network Edinburgh

1: Purpose of deputation

Agenda item 7.9 details the recommendation to award three of four Adult Community Treatment Service (Recovery Hub) contracts to a UK-wide organisation, Lifeline.¹ The Substance Use Network Edinburgh ask that members review the process in the light of the extent to which the outcome of this competitive tender process starkly contradicts the Council's stated commitment to coproduction and locality based partnership working.

2: Context

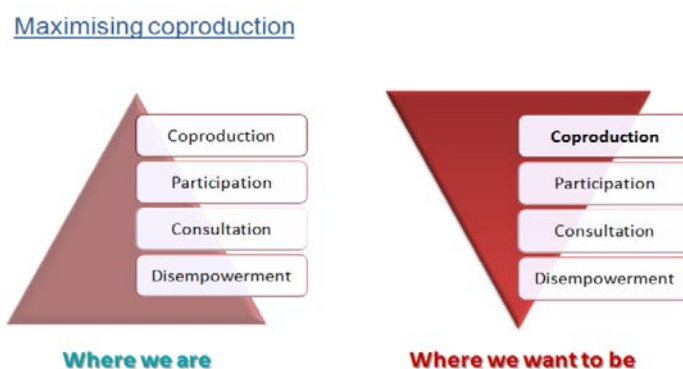
Current Recovery Hub providers have invested considerable time and resource working alongside statutory agencies to improve and develop the relevant service model as members of a 'Hubs Alliance,' which was in turn part of a Commissioning Collaborative, led by the Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership, since 2014.

- a) A key priority from the outset was to avoid excluding small third sector organisations from future business.
- b) An understanding was established that hubs must be anchored in their local community.

3: Specific concerns

- a) Loss of value to the community.
- b) Undermines stated philosophy of coproduction.
- c) Goes against the principles of transformation and locality based working.
- d) Destroys trust developed between Council and third sector, and undermines viability of Council's stated plans to coproduce services with the community and third sector.

In summary, this decision leaves us very much 'where we are' and far from where we want to be.



¹ Current providers of the three contracts to be awarded to Lifeline are the Castle Project, CHAI and NEDAC.

