

Additional Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Monday, 14 December 2015

Present

Councillors Rankin (Convener), Bill Cook (Vice-Convener), Child (substituting for Councillor Godzik), Corbett, Dixon, Griffiths, Bill Henderson, Ricky Henderson, McVey, Mowat (substituting for Councillor Jackson) and Whyte.

1(a) Deputation: EVOC on behalf of the Substance Use Network Edinburgh - Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership (EADP) Adult Community Treatment Services

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Maria Arnold of EVOC on behalf of the Edinburgh Substance Use Network (SUNE).

The main points raised by the deputation were:

- It was accepted that EU Procurement legislation had to be adhered to, but there was also recognition and flexibility in the legislation that acknowledged the risk posed of competitive tender to smaller local organisations.
- Change over to a national provider would result in a loss of local knowledge and existing relationships with service users who were engaged with local services.
- Contrary to Council guidelines, service users were not consulted during the procurement process.
- National Procurement guidelines had had an adverse effect on smaller local organisations however local authorities have the discretion to overrule this.
- Competitive tendering would disadvantage smaller local organisations.

The Convener thanked the Deputation for her presentation and invited her to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Chief Social Work Officer.

1(b) Deputation: Lothian Deprivation Interest Group - Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership (EADP) Adult Community Treatment Services

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Dr John Budd and Dr Guy Johnson of the Lothian Deprivation Interest Group.

The main points raised by the deputation were:

- Concerns were raised on the tender process which had not includes a health impact assessment or any consultation with GPs or other partner agencies.
- Various GPs had communicated their unease over building a partnership approach with another provider for integrated practice working.

- The Lifeline Project had taken 18 months to full deliver contracted services to the Prison Service which had resulted in loss of trust between the service users and the provider.
- The positivity of Coproduction was highlighted where patients received support beyond Health and Social Care issue, for example, advice provided on benefit claims etc.

The Convener thanked the Deputation for their presentation and invited them to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Chief Social Work Officer.

1(c) Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership (EADP) Adult Community Treatment Services – Contract

The Committee considered a report that contained additional information on the tendering process to award contracts for the Adult Community Treatment Services to be delivered on behalf of the Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership (EADP) as requested by the Finance and Resources Committee on 26 November 2015.

Approval was sought to award these contracts for a term of three years, with an option to extend for up to a further 24 months.

Decision

To approve the award of three year contracts to The Lifeline Project and Turning Point Scotland for provision of Adult Community Treatment Services, with the option to extend the contracts for up to a further 24 months.

Dissent

Councillor Corbett requested his dissent was recorded.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee 26 November 2015, (Item 2(b)); report by the Chief Social Work Officer, submitted.)

2. Implications for Coproduction and Procurement – Early Findings from the Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership (EADP) Treatment Services Tender

Details were provided on lessons learned for future procurement exercises following the Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership (EADP) tender of community treatment services.

Decision

- 1) To note the issues raised in the report.
- 2) To note that the issues raised were addressed as part of future work to mainstream coproduction across the Council.
- 3) To note that there would be a further report to the Finance and Resources Committee analysing the various options in Spring 2016.

(Reference – report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted.)