

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Approval to award a contract for the provision of an organisation to deliver a local Healthwatch in North Tyneside

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Jacqui Old, Head of Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None

4. Executive summary

The purpose of the report is to seek approval to award a contract for the provision of an organisation to deliver a local Healthwatch in North Tyneside. This follows the outcome of a competitive procurement exercise carried out in accordance with the delegated authority arrangements agreed by Cabinet at its meeting held on 11 September 2017.

5. Alternative Options considered

None

6. Decision(s)

Following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, the Head of Law and Governance and the Head of Finance, the Head of Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding has approved the award of this contract as set out in paragraph 1.5.4 of the Report to Delegated Decision Maker dated 9th January 2018, in respect of the Healthwatch North Tyneside Procurement Exercise.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

To enable the award of this contract to progress immediately and the Authority will be ready to award the new contract from 1st April 2018.

The following reasons support this recommendation:

- a) The Health and Social Care Act 2012 introduced a statutory requirement for local authorities to establish a local Healthwatch in its area. Award of this contract will ensure that the Authority is able to meet its statutory duties.
- b) The current contract will expire on 31st March 2018. In order to comply with procurement regulations, the Authority has undertaken a competitive procurement exercise.

8. Date Decision Made

9th January 2018

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

Tuesday 16 January 2018 after 5.00pm

10. Date of Publication

Tuesday 9 January 2018

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

Tuesday 16 January 2018 after 5.00pm