

## Officer Non Key Executive Decision

<b>Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):</b>	Diane Booth, Director of Children's Services
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):</b>	Councillor Graham Cain, Cabinet Secretary (Resilient Communities)
<b>Report Author (Officer name and title):</b>	Kylie Molyneux, Assistant Corporate Procurement and Projects Officer
<b>Implementation Date of Decision:</b>	10 January 2019

### PROVISION OF BLACKPOOL BETTER START EARLY YEARS VOLUNTEER SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

#### **1.0 Purpose of the report:**

- 1.1 To seek to approve Volunteer Centre Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde as the supplier for the provision of Blackpool Better Start Early Years Volunteer Support and Development.

#### **2.0 Recommendation(s):**

- 2.1 To approve Volunteer Centre Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde as the supplier for the provision of Blackpool Better Start Early Years Volunteer Support and Development for a period of 2 years starting from April 2019, with an option to extend for a further 1 year.

#### **3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):**

- 3.1 A light touch exercise was carried out via the Chest Portal, only one submission was received;
- Volunteer Centre Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde

The submission was evaluated by a panel consisting of representatives from the CECD/NSPCC, Community Voice and moderated by member of the Council's Procurement Team.

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| 3.2a | Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? | No  |
| 3.2b | Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget?                  | Yes |

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

**4.0 Council Priority:**

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience".

**5.0 Background Information**

5.1 The provider will be contracted to ensure that Community Voice plays a vital role in shifting the curve of social determinants that impact significantly on people's life chances in Blackpool. This means that Community Voice will cultivate a shared understanding of children's health and development needs giving parents, families and the wider community real power and influence over informed outcomes, in essence they will coproduce the services needed locally.

5.2 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

**5.3 List of Appendices:**

None.

**6.0 Legal considerations:**

6.1 The process was undertaken in line with Public Contract Regulations 2015 and is in line with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. Authority has been sought from the Head of Procurement. The Council will enter into a contract with Volunteer Centre Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde.

**7.0 Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 None.

**8.0 Equalities considerations:**

8.1 None.

**9.0 Financial considerations:**

- 9.1 The costs associated with the delivery of this contract will be met within existing budget.

The Big Lottery Fund has approved funding for this area of work as integral to the project.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

- 10.1 The Big Lottery Fund has approved funding for this area of work as integral to the project. The risk for not proceeding would be detrimental to the Better Start funding and work.

**11.0 Ethical considerations:**

- 11.1 The supplier has already signed Blackpool Council's Supplier Charter.

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

- 12.1 The submission was evaluated by a panel consisting of representatives from the CECD/NSPCC, Community Voice and moderated by member of the Council's Procurement Team.

The Head of Procurement has remained informed throughout the process.

**13.0 Decision of Chief Officer**

- 13.1 To approve Volunteer Centre Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde as the supplier of Blackpool Better Start Early Years Volunteer Support and Development for a period of 2 years starting from 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2021, with an option to extend for a further period of 1 year.

**14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer**

- 14.1 Volunteer Centre Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde provided a tender submission which met the requirements of the service requirements.