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Decision Taker: Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:
Scrutiny Committee

Date decision in force:

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Date of decision:

03/Dec/2014

Full description of decision:

To approve the procurement of three cremators and associated equipment at Sunderland Crematorium to replace the existing equipment which is approaching the end of its working life in order to maintain the efficiency and effectiveness of the council's crematorium service.

Reasons for decision:

In accordance with the Constitution, Cabinet approval is required to permit the letting of a contract exceeding £250,000 in value.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Not replacing, or delaying the replacement of the cremation equipment could reduce the efficiency of the service because of the reduced reliability and increased maintenance costs of the existing equipment as it ages. This option has been rejected.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Procurement of Replacement Cremation Equipment Sunderland Crematorium - Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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To approve the procurement process for the appointment of a support partner to deliver an alternative approach to ICT; To submit a further report on the outcome of the procurement process prior to contract award; and To authorise the Assistant Chief Executive, in consultation with the Deputy Leader, to appoint the necessary external procurement support for the purposes of the above.

Reasons for decision:

This approach will deliver an alternative service delivery model for ICT necessary to underpin the delivery of the key priorities for the city as part of the Community Leadership Council going forward.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Do nothing ☐ the ICT infrastructure and supporting service would be unable to keep pace with developing technologies and the expertise required to underpin the delivery of the key priorities for the city, to create the flexibility and innovation to support the increasing diversity in alternative models of service delivery or for Sunderland to remain a leading digital authority, recognised at a national level.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Proposals for an alternative service delivery model for ICT - Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

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Is this a key decision: Yes

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Full description of decision:

To note the info in the report &, subject to on-going consultation with staff & TUs & the final approval of the Company's 3 yr business plan by DCX, Director of Finance & Executive Director of People Services, in consultation with Leader & Cabinet Secretary, agree to establish a new Community Interest Company to be implemented on or after 01.01.15 in order to operate existing business of Tyne & Wear Care Alliance on terms in report. To authorise DCX, Director of Finance & Executive Director of People Services to take all necessary steps to secure establishment of TWCA CIC, including appropriate pension arrangements, in consultation with Cabinet Secretary. To approve award of a contract &/or novation of current & on-going funding between Council & TWCA for delivery of Health & Social Care training throughout T&W from 01.01.15, subject to TWCA being accepted onto Skills Funding Agency's Register of Training Organisations & on terms determined by DCX, Director of Finance & Executive Director of People Services.

Reasons for decision:

Approval of the proposals contained within this report would afford the opportunity for the Council to support the establishment of a successful social enterprise which will be cost-effective in assisting the Council to meet the operational challenges it currently faces. It will enable a more flexible and responsive approach to meeting the workforce development needs of the adult social care sector. There is a strong case for setting up the new arrangements which will assist in the establishment of an appropriately-skilled social care workforce, and improved standards in the quality of care services.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There is a clear need to ensure that TWCA is sustained going forward so that the uniquely successful partnership working and training achievements attained over the last eleven years continue to be highly beneficial to the provision of local care services. The proposal to establish a new Community Interest Company was only taken after completing a detailed options appraisal that involved input from Law and Governance and consultancy advice from Social Enterprise Sunderland. The four options considered are detailed below: - ☐ Do nothing and continue with current funding and trading arrangements ☐ Establish a Local Authority Trading Company ☐ Set up a Charity with a Trading Arm to deliver training ☐ Establish a Community Interest Company

Title and author(s) of written report:

Proposal to set up a Community Interest Company as an alternative business model for the Tyne and Wear Care Alliance and novation to the new company of existing contracts
- Report of the Executive Director of People Services

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To: - (i) approve the transfer the business, assets, and staff of Care and Support Sunderland Ltd (CSSL) to Sunderland Care and Support Limited, (ii) authorise the Executive Director of People Services and the Director of Finance to take all necessary steps in order to transfer the business, assets and staff of CSSL to SCSL, (iii) to authorise the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Secretary, to progress the most tax efficient approach to addressing the accumulated losses of CSSL, (iv) to authorise the Chief Executive and/or the Head of Law and Governance to execute all legal documents that are necessary to give effect to this transaction, (v) approve to wind up CSSL once its outstanding liabilities have been settled, and (vi) to authorise the Executive Director of People Services and the Director of Finance to take all necessary steps to wind up CSSL.

Reasons for decision:

I. Protects front line services to vulnerable people. II. Will support the drive to further improve services, the identification of efficiency savings to the council and minimise the cost of services being delivered III. The single company will be more sustainable and have greater flexibility to develop and respond to service needs.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The following alternative options have been considered: 1. Transfer CSSL to a social care provider in the market; 2. Maintain the current position. The above options have been rejected on the basis that Options 1 and 2 are not considered viable due to the future sustainability of the company, based on current operating costs.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Transfer of the business, assets and employees of Care and Support Sunderland Limited (CSSL), to Sunderland Care and Support Limited (SCSL) - Report of the Executive Director of People Services

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