

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 15 March 2018

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People

PORTFOLIO: Health & Wellbeing

SUBJECT: British Red Cross

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To seek approval from Executive Board to directly award a contract to the British Red Cross for a two year period from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2020.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That Executive Board

1) Agree to the use of Procurement Standing Orders 1.14.3 to waive Standing Order 3.1 in respect of contracts below the EU threshold and in compliance with Standing Order 1.14.3(d); and

2) Agrees to award a contract to the British Red Cross for a two year period from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2020.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The British Red Cross service supports people for a short period of time during the difficult transition from hospital to home. The service is an important part of the discharge management process, helping to alleviate the pressure on beds as well as offering practical support to people when they are at their most vulnerable.

3.2 The council is currently working with NHS Halton CCG to develop its approach to out of hospital services. Until this has been completed, the service provided by the British Red Cross is required to ensure continuity of care.

3.3 The intention is to award the British Red Cross a contract for a two year period from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2020. This will provide the authority with sufficient flexibility to re-commission services at an earlier date if required.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Continuing this service supports the council in its development of out of hospital services with NHS Halton CCG

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The total financial cost to the authority is £57,069 per annum. Total Contract Value over the two year term is £114,138.

5.2 The cost of this contract can be met within existing budget allocations.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

None identified.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

None identified.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

This service makes an important contribution to the health and social care system in Halton

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 This contract falls below the current EU Light Touch Regime threshold of £615,278, and subsequently the risk of challenge will be negligible.

7.2 The Quality Assurance Team will continue to monitor this service and ensure the Council and Halton residents receive value for money.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

None identified.

**9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None.