

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 15 June 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People

PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Widnes Vikings – Joint commissioning proposal

WARDS: Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a waiver of standing orders to enable Halton Borough Council, Public Health to enter into a joint commissioning arrangement with Halton CCG for Widnes Vikings to deliver a co-ordinated package of sport and physical activities using the Vikings brand.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve a waiver of Standing Order 1.14.3 (f) Non – Emergency Procedures – (exceeding a value threshold of £50,000) where compliance with Standing Orders would be inconsistent with joint and Partnership working or special external funding arrangements, to allow the joint commissioning of Widnes Vikings by Halton Borough Council, Public Health and NHS Halton CCG.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 In order to deliver upon key outcomes for local Health and Wellbeing priorities Halton Borough Council Public Health team have historically commissioned the Widnes Vikings to deliver a range of health and wellbeing activity to local people across a variety of age groups. This programme of work has led to improved outcomes related to the important local priorities of promoting a healthy weight and reducing cardiovascular disease risk. The contract has also enabled access to “hard to reach” groups who traditionally will not engage with health and wellbeing services.

3.2 Due to budget reductions in recent years the contract value for this project has significantly reduced to ensure the contract is as lean as possible. Over recent years the contract value has reduced by more than half, and for 2017/18 and 2018/19 an allocation of £40,000 per annum has been agreed to ensure we are getting maximum value for money while still achieving key health and wellbeing outcomes.

3.3 In order to continue to improve key health and wellbeing outcomes, and in line with the principles of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, we would like to take an integrated approach to working with the Widnes Vikings going forward. To that end we are asking the Executive Board to approve an

integrated contract with NHS Halton CCG. In addition we have agreed the Vikings will work collaboratively with the Halton Health Improvement Team.

- 3.4 This contract with the Widnes Vikings will be strengthened by joining forces with NHS Halton CCG. The approach will reduce duplication; further enhance delivery of key outcomes for Health and Wellbeing priorities; and offers greater value for money from our public health investment. As NHS Halton CCG will be investing the majority of funding they will act as the coordinating commissioner for the contract. As co-commissioners of the programme public health will support future monitoring of the contract to ensure reporting and achievement against key health and wellbeing outcomes to evidence the impact of the investment going forward.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct policy implications as a result of this report, however, ensuring a more co-ordinated approach to the commissioning of this service should improve efficiency and improve health and wellbeing outcomes.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The total financial cost to the authority for the financial years of 17/18 and 18/19 will be £80,000. These costs will be met from the Public Health budget.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

The joint Widnes Vikings contract will provide a range of activity aimed at improving the physical and mental wellbeing of local children.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

The contract will contribute towards improving the health and wellbeing of working age adults in Halton through a range of activity including the development of a workplace health initiative.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

All of the activities contained within the joint contract will directly contribute towards improving the health and wellbeing of Halton residents.

6.4 A Safer Halton

Encouraging people to adopt healthier lifestyles is a key objective of the joint contract, including reducing alcohol consumption. This in turn should contribute towards reducing alcohol harm and improving community safety.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

N/A

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 7.1 This contract falls below the current EU threshold of £589,148 for Contracts for Social and Specific Services, and subsequently the risk of challenge will be negligible.
- 7.2 The Public Health team will continue to monitor progress of the joint contract to ensure the Council receives value for money.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 There are no Equality and Diversity issues arising as a result of this report or the recommendations contained within it.

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

None under the meaning of the Act.