

Notice to Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee under urgency provisions

1. Matter to be decided.

Award of contract for integrated Sexual Health Reproductive Services (SRH) for the Outer North West London (ONWL) sub-region following a Competitive Procedure with Negotiation. The ONWL sub-region is comprised of the following collaborating councils - Harrow, Ealing and Brent and the three councils are to enter a combined contract with the provider.

2. When decision is to be made.

25th - 28th April 2017

3. Reason why it is impracticable to defer the decision until it can be included on the Forward Plan.

Public Health commissioning leads are requesting that the decision to award is made by end of April 2017 to allow the new service to be mobilised as quickly as possible and in alignment with the other councils in the sub-region. This will allow the Council to realise the savings and service benefits from a new integrated service model based on combined contracting arrangements for the sub-region (see further detail regarding procurement process delay and need to align arrangement for transition mobilisation activities, with the other councils in the sub- region in agreement with the new service provider under section 4 below).

4. Reason why it is urgent and it is not possible to give five clear days' notice.

Owing to slippage in the in the procurement timetable, uncertainty with regard to the date for the start of the new integrated services across 3 councils (Brent, Ealing and Harrow) the need for alignment on extension and approval arrangements and agreement on intended new arrangements for prospective integration of services in the sub-region, dates could not be finalised until conclusion of negotiations and completion of combined procurement processes across the councils in the sub-region. Procurement of this combined contract has been undertaken by Harrow Council on behalf of Brent, Harrow and Ealing. Owing to the need to align approval processes and current contracting arrangements which can differ across the councils, Brent has needed to wait for the finalisation of reporting and arrangements within the other collaborating councils, with its approval being based on the outcome of their procurement and legal processes. Brent has been asked to expedite its approval process to align with the other councils so that the mobilisation and planning for the combined tri-partite service can be undertaken in alignment and Brent has only just received the relevant paperwork and information regarding the outcomes of the procurement for its approval process to be set in motion.