

**West London Economic Prosperity Board
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Title	Devolved Work and Health Programme
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Wards	All
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Urgent	No
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Summary

This report up-dates the Board on progress with the Work and Health Programme (WHP). The Procurement process is now complete. Shaw Trust have been appointed and will be presenting to Board on 21 November and providing the members with an opportunity to engage understand the programme and its immediate next steps. Shaw Trust will be contracted to provide a service for over 13,000 people for the 5 years of referrals to the programme. The Programme will start early in 2018.

Recommendations

- 1. EPB note Shaw Trust's Presentation**
- 2. Support the rollout of the service and its integration with wider employment services offered to people across West London**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 To update on the West London Alliance (WLA) Work and Health Programme, to provide context for the selected provider, Shaw Trust's, presentation to Economic Prosperity Board (EPB) on 21 November and to encourage senior support within the boroughs for an integrated/co-ordinated approach to providing services for participants where appropriate.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 In December 2016 EPB agreed that the specification for and contracting of the devolved sub-regional Work and Health programme would be delegated to the CEO of the London Borough of Ealing. Following a procurement process Shaw Trust were advised that they had been successful in the final tender for the £26m contract which will run for 5 years. Ealing's Cabinet agreed the recommendation. Call-in and Standstill expired on 1 November and the contract is expected to be signed in November. Shaw Trust is a charity that has been involved with providing employment support to sick, disabled and disadvantaged people for a number of years. They will be presenting the detail of the service they will provide on 21 November.
- 2.2 The programme is open to people who are long term unemployed, have a health condition or disability, or have specified barriers to finding work. EPB will recall that one of the major arguments for seeking devolution of the WHP was that the service could be better tailored to the needs of local people with multiple barriers if it was integrated/coordinated with local public services such as health, housing, children's service and social care. It is worth noting that the WLA WHP specification makes specific mention of early access for the following groups (over and above those specified in DWP National Contract):
- a person who is at risk of homelessness;
 - a person affected by the Benefit Cap;
 - members of families where a child is at risk of becoming Looked After;
 - working age adults with disabilities known to Adult Services – i.e.: receiving a package of care; and
 - working age adults with a mental health condition known to secondary care services.
- 2.3 In order for WLA Boroughs to benefit from this provision WLA will be setting up an Integration Board comprising key stakeholders. It will be important for relevant Local Authority staff to have awareness sessions on the WLA-WHP, know how to refer their clients into the Jobcentre Plus selection process and for Shaw Trust staff to develop integrated and co-ordinated plans for their shared clients. EPB is asked to support the integration of services with Shaw Trust where this is appropriate.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 N/A

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 N/A

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

- 5.1 **Corporate Priorities and Performance**

5.1.1 The WLA-WHP will be programmed managed by the WLA.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 Procurement was carried out in accordance with London Borough of Ealing commercial arrangements and in line with OJEU requirements. It should be noted that the WLA Procurement has achieved a small reduction in unit costs compared to the DWP Home Counties procurement which has a value of more than 10 times the WLA contract.

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 The contract provided good social value.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 N/A

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 The Programme will be managed by WLA. s151 Officers of each of the boroughs have signed letters agreeing to share the financial risks associated with the programme between the 7 boroughs.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 Complies with diversity and equality legislation.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 N/A

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 N/A

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.