

Covid-19 Decision Log –7th July 2021

Item No	Key Decision	Decision Maker	Decision	Reason for decision	Total Value of the decision and Budget Implication (500k revenue or 1 mill capital)	Are 2 or more Wards Impacted?	Date of Decision	Members briefed
1.	Yes	Assistant Chief Executive	<p>To provide details of the outcome of the procurement process undertaken for the OPERATION EAGLE – PCR/LFD DROP & COLLECT TESTING SERVICE required and seeks approval to acceptance of the tenders.</p> <p>The contract award is for a primary contract period of 14 weeks commencing 6th July 2021 (with an option to extend for a further period of up to 18 weeks subject to satisfactory performance and budgetary availability). If the contract extension is taken up, the contract would end on 14/02/22.</p>	<p>The reasons for the decision are that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There continues to be a requirement to manage surge testing in Birmingham to seek to address COVID variants in the local population. The previous contract was established without competition using emergency powers and PFS were appointed as they had carried out similar work in London. By tendering this requirement we can increase the contract period and introducing competition has resulted in a reduced cost of the service. 	£1,306,800	All wards	23/06/21	(Leader) & Cabinet Member - Adults Health & Social Care
2.	Yes	Assistant Chief Executive	<p>As part of the Council's Hub & Spoke COVID-19 testing model the existing contract was awarded to Central Health Solutions Limited (see Appendix 2 attached) in order to enable eligible residents to access testing locally through Pharmacy locations across the City and mirrors the approach taken by Dudley MBC with this provider already having established links to the Pharmacies. The aim is to capture data about levels of asymptomatic infection in target areas of Birmingham and reduce infection rates to avoid further spread to vulnerable citizens that may develop a serious infection.</p> <p>Following acceptance of a formal quotation for the sum of £2.29m the contract with Central Health Solutions Limited commenced on 7th January 2021 with the contract expiry date of the primary contract term being 24th February 2021. The option for the Council to extend for up to a further 7 weeks was taken following satisfactory delivery of the contract and this extension period expired on 14th April 2021. A further extension was approved due to the continuing need for the service and that expires on 30th June.</p>	<p>The reason for the request to extend the contract to 31st October 2021 is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Health Solutions Limited are still paying pharmacies to deliver approx. 800 to 900 tests a week (at the agreed rate of £11 per test) and the easing of lockdown a combined with variants circulating means that asymptomatic testing remains a priority. The estimated cost per test for extension period 2 would be about £11.20 per test as the proposal is also to cease the social media as this is now widely known/adopted service and there are other local and national comms in 	£2.29m	All wards	23/06/2021	(Leader) & Cabinet Member -Adults Health & Social Care

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			The original contract value of £2.29m allowed for an indicative number of tests per week per pharmacy, along with a proposed uptake level over the contract period (including optional extension) in order to establish a proposed figure for budgeting purposes					