

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

PENISTONE AREA COUNCIL

**Report of the
Penistone Area Council Manager**

Date: 14 April 2016

Draft Specification – Isolated and Vulnerable Older People Service

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To seek approval from members of Penistone Area Council of the draft specification with associated costs, attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

2.0 Background and Context

- 2.1 At the Penistone Area Council Meeting held on 11 February 2016 members agreed that the Penistone Area Council Manager organise a workshop for members to further consider statistical data and local intelligence with regard to funding projects which meet the Economic and Health and Well Being priorities of the Area Council.
- 2.2 A workshop subsequently took place on 3 March at Penistone Town Hall. As well as elected members, senior officers and members of the Area Team, it was also attended by two local carers, and a representative from Penistone East and West Ward Alliance.
- 2.3 A number of factors were taken into consideration by attendees of the workshop including the following:
- That according to the national statistics of population ageing in the UK approximately 23% are over 60. In the Penistone East and West areas this is known to be significantly higher i.e. 39%
 - That the rural nature of Penistone East and West combined with poor transport links and scant facilities in some of the local parishes, villages and hamlets contributes to the loneliness and isolation issue.
 - That reduction in loneliness and isolation contributes to improved health and wellbeing.
- 2.4 A video blog of the work of an existing project, Central Area Council's Loneliness and Isolation commission was also received by the group.
- 2.5 Following discussion elected members requested that the Penistone Area Council Manager draft a specification of requirements for a project to address the needs of isolated and vulnerable older people in the Penistone East and West Area for consideration by members at the next Penistone Area Council Meeting.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 That members approve that specification to be used to produce a full procurement strategy to go out on YORtender with regard to procuring a service to address the needs of isolated and vulnerable older people in the Penistone East and West area.**
- 3.2 That members agree to an indicative initial cost of £70,000 for the commission to 31 March 2017 with the option to extend the project for a further year at the discretion of the council. The option to extend the contract for a further year will be subject of funding being available, satisfactory performance of the provider and the agreement that there is still a need for the service to be provided.**
- 3.3 That members also agree a price quality split for the contract of 80/20 in favour of quality.**
- 3.4 That authority be given to the Executive Director Communities to complete necessary paperwork to allow the project to proceed to procurement.**

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