

## **Executive Councillor for NHS Liaison and Community Engagement**

### **LOCAL HEALTHWATCH PROCUREMENT Decision Date: Between 01 June 2018 and 07 June 2018**

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#### **Comments from the Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee**

The Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee considered a report on Local Healthwatch Procurement on 30 May 2018 and agreed to support the recommendations that the Local Healthwatch Service is re-procured through a competitive bidding process and awarded as a grant agreement.

The Committee agreed to pass on the following comments to the Executive Councillor as part of her consideration of this item.

- The Committee highlighted that given the ability for the successful provider to take on additional funded work, there was a need to ensure that Healthwatch Core Services as an independent champion for people who use health and social care services remained the key focus going forward.
- The Committee recommended that the successful bidder continue to engage with Health Scrutiny and also build a supportive relationship with the Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with regards to social care services in Lincolnshire.
- The Committee sought assurance that the Local Healthwatch Service provider would work with the Council when agreeing their forward work programme and priorities for the coming year.
- The Committee recommended that when undertaking survey work, the Local Healthwatch Service provider considers asking respondents some basic lifestyle questions to improve our understanding of peoples knowledge about healthy lifestyles.
- The Committee recommended the need to ensure appropriate and thorough due diligence was undertaken as part of the competitive bidding process to ensure the successful bidder was in a financially stable position.
- The Committee endorsed the need to ensure that services continued to be provided from locations based in Lincolnshire and connected to the local community.
- The Committee requested an update in early autumn 2018 as an introduction to the successful bidder at the start of the contact, and as an opportunity to review the proposed developments and plans to develop the service going forward.