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Report Title	Extension to Covid Testing Centre Project no: 2036102		
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Freedom of Information	Open		
Purpose of the Report	<p>To seek Health Board approval to extend the testing facilities contract award until March 2022.</p> <p>In addition, a further 3 months contingency is required to be built into the contract award to extend the service into the first quarter of 2022/23 should testing be required longer term. The decision to deploy this will be made in quarter 4.</p> <p>The approval is for the full year 2021/22 and the first three months of 2022/23.</p> <p>Costs are reimbursed in full by Welsh Government for 2021/22.</p>		
Key Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Single Tender Action (STA) approval is required to continue to use City and County of Swansea as supplier of the equipment hire for the COVID testing service. • Original provision for the contract was made under a direct award made in accordance with Regulation 32(2)(c) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 as part of the pandemic response. • The service has relocated from Liberty Stadium to Fabian Way Park and Ride requiring service continuity in terms of facilities provision. • A contract extension is required to secure service continuity and meet procurement regulations from 1st April 2021 site until 31st March 2022 with an option to extend to 30th June 2022 should testing be required longer term. • Procurement advises that more appropriate governance would be for the STA to cover all of financial year 2021/22 along with the option to add a further 3 months for quarter 1 2022/23. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contract value is £360k + VAT for 2021/22 and £90k + VAT for quarter 1 of 2022/23 • Previously £259k has been expended on this contract. The contract value in total is therefore a matter for board approval. 			
Specific Action Required <i>(please choose one only)</i>	Information	Discussion	Assurance	Approval
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Recommendations	The Board is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVE the contract extension for 2021/22 with the option to extend for a further 3 months within this value to be considered in Quarter 4. 			

EXTENSION TO COVID TESTING CENTRE PROJECT NO: 2036102

1. INTRODUCTION

This paper seeks Health Board approval to extend the testing facilities contract award until March 2022.

In addition, a further 3 months contingency is required to be built into the contract award to extend the service into the first quarter of 2022/23 should testing be required longer term. The decision to deploy this will be made in quarter 4.

Service cost will be directly funded from Welsh Government monies for Covid related expenditure.

The previously expenditure level on this contract, when combined with the renewal value is greater than £500k in total and therefore is a matter for board approval.

2. BACKGROUND

Following the commissioning of the service in April 2020, City & County of Swansea organised temporary marquees, lighting and heating at the Liberty Stadium and Margam testing sites, on behalf of the Health Board, who continue to work in partnership with the local authorities on the Test, Track & Trace Programme (TTP).

The requirements for the testing facilities were subsequently extended beyond the anticipated initial 3–6-month period, until the 31st March 2021. This was due the “second wave”, lockdown and prevailing levels of Covid in the Swansea area. The service was subsequently extended again until the 31st July 2021 in discussion with the local authority but no procurement process was put in place for this extension. For completeness and recognising the nature of 2021/22 this approval retrospectively covers the 1st April 2021 to 31st July 2021 period as one approval recognising the reducing relevance of Regulation 32.

A further extension is now required, together with the need for additional facilities to support the security & health and safety of the staff and public during the evening and wet weather conditions in the coming months. As noted, the Health Board can no longer use the facilities at the Liberty Stadium and the service has relocated to alternative suitable premises at the Park & Ride, Fabian Way, or the alternative Margam Test site.

3. GOVERNANCE AND RISK ISSUES

This service was commissioned at the behest of Welsh Government at the beginning of the Pandemic, as part of the TTP strategy. A contract was awarded to the City & County of Swansea, in partnership with Neath & Port Talbot Local Authority, for provision of facilities and use of the Liberty Stadium and Margam sites. This was a direct award made in accordance with Reg 32(2)(c) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and approved by the Health Board. Subsequent extensions were subject to the respective internal governance (STA/RA) process and were also approved.

Given the value of this proposed extension, a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) notice will be published in the European Journal, advising of the Health Board's proposed award without a call for competition, although the risks of challenge are considered to be minimal. A notification paper will also be prepared and sent to Welsh Government in line with the Health Board's Standing Financial Instructions, outlining the nature of the service and covering off the cumulative expenditure as this will be in excess of £500k..

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The service is funded through Welsh Government Covid allocation of monies. For the financial year April 2021 to 31st March 2022, the total value will be: £360K + VAT. If the additional three months contingency is required, the additional charge would be £90K + VAT, with an overall cost of £450K + VAT.

The extension is in addition to 3259k already spent to date (in 2020/21) and therefore the total sum requires Board approval along with Welsh Government notification.

5. RECOMMENDATION

The Board is asked to:

- **APPROVE** the contract extension for 2021/22 with the option to extend for a further 3 months within this value to be considered in Quarter 4.

Governance and Assurance		
Link to Enabling Objectives (please choose)	Supporting better health and wellbeing by actively promoting and empowering people to live well in resilient communities	
	Partnerships for Improving Health and Wellbeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Co-Production and Health Literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Health and Wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Deliver better care through excellent health and care services achieving the outcomes that matter most to people	
	Best Value Outcomes and High Quality Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Partnerships for Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Excellent Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Outstanding Research, Innovation, Education and Learning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health and Care Standards		
(please choose)	Staying Healthy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Safe Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Effective Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Dignified Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Timely Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Individual Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Staff and Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality, Safety and Patient Experience		
National strategy for Covid testing of the General Public and Swansea Bay UHB staff, in accordance with WAG guidance. To provide identification of and resistance to the infection & reduce hospital admissions within Wales.		
Financial Implications		
See Above		
Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)		
There are no specific legal implications associated with this procurement		
Staffing Implications		
All staffing covered off under the revenue funding		
Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)		
<p>The following wellbeing goals will be met, as a consequence of this service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Healthier Wales • A More Equal Wales <p>An improvement in Healthcare service provision for all</p>		
Report History	No previous reporting history	
Appendices	None	