

## Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s) By Elected Mayor

### 1. Subject of decision

Procurement of Supported Accommodation services to reduce homelessness

### 2. Name and Portfolio of Cabinet member(s) (Decision Maker)

Norma Redfearn, Elected Mayor

### 3. Head of Service

Heads of Health, Education and Safeguarding; Commissioning and Asset Management; and Environment, Housing and Leisure

### 4. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None

### 5. Executive summary

Approval is sought to undertake a competitive procurement exercise for a new supported accommodation service. The service will include a range of accommodation settings and community-based support, which will seek to prevent homelessness for vulnerable and socially excluded people within the borough.

The service is proposed following a further review of the Authority's existing provision and will replace the existing contractual relationships. The proposed service model will provide a flexible service which can provide targeted support to those who need it the most, at one of the most critical times in their lives. Although the existing contracts have improved partnership working and made a huge difference to some of the Authorities most socially excluded residents, the new services allow an opportunity to improve the unit cost of the service whilst maintaining the quality of the service delivered.

It is proposed that the contract will start in October 2020. The initial contract duration will be for twenty-four months, with an option to extend for a further twenty-four months. The contract will be procured through an open and transparent process, in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and will be conducted through the NEPO portal.

For the full report please see item 6 [here](#)

## 6. Alternative Options considered

Option 1 – Approve the recommendations set out in section 1.2 of the report.

Option 2 – Not approve the recommendations set out in section 1.2 of the report.

## 7. Decision(s)

The Elected Mayor has agreed to authorise the Head of Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding, in consultation with the Head of Law and Governance, the Head of Resources and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources to:

- (1) undertake a competitive procurement exercise to procure a provider(s) to deliver the proposed new service, as outlined in section 1.5 of the report; and
- (2) award and enter into two separate contracts with the preferred bidders following the procurement exercise.

## 8. Reasons for the Decision(s)

- a) Current contracts have expired and in order to comply with procurement regulations, the Authority must undertake a competitive procurement exercise to secure a new service.
- b) The adoption of an overall project cost ensures the proposed new service provides a stable platform to develop new services.
- c) The new service model will replace an outdated service model.
- d) The new service will provide a flexible service which provides the right level of support to those who need it the most.
- e) The adoption of a collaborative approach to service provision is likely to produce more seamless services to vulnerable individuals who often have very chaotic lives.

## 9. Date Decision Made

26 March 2020

## 10. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

Yes, the call-in period expires at 5.00pm on Friday 3 April 2020

## 11. Date of Publication

27 March 2020

## 12. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5.00pm on Friday 3 April 2020