

Leader Decision Meeting

Minutes

21 September 2022

Present:

Chair: Councillor Paul Osborn

In attendance (Councillors):	David Ashton	For minute 7
	Hitesh Karia	For minute 5
	Anjana Patel	For minute 6

Joined Virtually (Councillors):	Mina Parmar	For minute 6
	Pritesh Patel	For minute 6

1. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: To note that there were no declarations of interests made.

2. Petitions

RESOLVED: To note that no petitions had been received.

3. Public Questions

RESOLVED: To note that no public questions had been received.

4. Matters referred to the Executive Member

RESOLVED: To note that no matters had been referred to the Leader of the Council for consideration.

Resolved Items

5. Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing Service

The Portfolio Holder for Children's Services outlined the content of the report and the Leader

RESOLVED: That the commencement of the re-procurement of the Children and Young People's Emotional, Health and Well-Being Service collaboratively with NHS North-West London Integrated Care Board (ICB) for a 3-year term with the option to extend for a further 2 years via the agreement between the Council and North-West London CCG under Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006, be agreed.

Reason for Decision: To fulfil the statutory requirement of Local Authorities and NHS in commissioning health services for all children in their area; to support the corporate parenting responsibilities of local authorities which includes having a duty under section 22(3)(a) of the Children Act 1989 to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children they look after.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Leader/Dispensation Granted: None.

6. Harrow Council's Domestic Abuse Service

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety outlined the content of report. Having noted the confidential appendices to the report, the Leader

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the commencement of a competitive procurement for the domestic abuse service for an initial contract term of three years to run from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2026, with an option to extend for a maximum of a further two years until 31 March 2028, be approved;
- (2) splitting the provision of the Domestic Abuse service into two procurement Lots, be agreed as follows:
 - Lot 1: Domestic Abuse Support Service: Strategic coordination and direct support to domestic abuse victims/survivors (with a contract value of £269,655 per year); and
 - Lot 2: Safe Accommodation: Refuge Support and Management and Floating Support (with a contract value of £72,000 per year).
- (3) following the tender process, the Acting Corporate Director of Resources following consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Environment and Community Safety and Finance and Human Resources, be authorised to award the contract(s) for both procurement Lots in the new domestic abuse services;
- (4) the Acting Corporate Director of Resources, following consultation with the Director of Finance and the Portfolio Holders for Environment & Community Safety and Finance & Human Resources, be authorised to extend the contract for each of the additional 12-month periods, which would follow a rigorous review of performance;

- (5) the Acting Corporate Director, Resources, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment & Community Safety, be authorised to allow any changes ahead of the final publication of the Invitation to Tender (ITT).

Reason for Decision: The combined value of the two contracts to deliver the service was in excess of £500,000. Therefore, the Leader's approval was required to re-procure the service.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Leader/Dispensation Granted: None.

7. Council Insurance Renewals 2023

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Human Resources outlined the content of the report and the Leader

RESOLVED: That

- (1) approval to procure motor, commercial property, crime, personal accident/travel, school journey insurance and engineering inspection contracts for the Council, be agreed;
- (2) the Acting Corporate Director of Resources, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Human Resources, be authorised to award the contracts for motor, commercial property, crime, personal accident/travel, school journey insurance and engineering inspections.

Reason for Decision: Harrow collaboratively procured its corporate external insurance contracts through the Insurance London Consortium under the terms of a legal agreement effective since 2010.

The decision to insure was driven by the need to protect the financial position and stability of the authority by providing financial protection against losses, which was achieved through insurance risk transfer. In addition, there were statutory requirements in relation to motor insurance and engineering inspections, which would be met through the commissioning of these contracts.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Leader /Dispensation Granted: None.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 3.32 pm, closed at 3.40 pm).

(Signed) Councillor Paul Osborn
Chair