

London Borough of Havering Record of Decision

1. **TITLE:** **Contract award for the Provision of the Integrated Sexual Health Service**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet

3. **DECISION:**

Cabinet:

- **Delegated** the power to the Director of Public Health acting in consultation with the Director of Legal and Governance and the Director of Finance to make the decision to award a contract for the provision of the Barking & Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge (BHR) Integrated Sexual Health Service (ISHS) to Barking Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust (BHRUT) for a period of 5 years from 1st October 2018 to 30th September 2023 with the option to extend for a further three-year period on an annual basis at the sole discretion of the Councils.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The procurement exercise ensured compliance with the Council's Contract Rules and EU Legislation and (subject to contract) the award of contract will ensure the Council fulfils its statutory duty to provide sexual health services to local residents.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Option 1: Do Nothing

This option was not considered viable because the Council is mandated to provide open-access, accessible and confidential contraceptive and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) testing & treatment services for all age groups in the borough. Withdrawing services to support residents at this preventative and health protection level will result in further investment being required in relation to health and social care costs associated with unplanned pregnancies and the more expensive provision of care for those with long term health conditions such as HIV.

It is important that appropriate contractual arrangements are put in place locally to cover such services, to ensure compliance with national clinical guidance, minimise risk and ensure value for money. The nature of sexual health services is such that, should appropriate services not be available in Havering, a larger number of residents will access services in neighbouring authority areas and the Council will still be required to pay for the provision of these services but will have limited influence on the quality or cost.

Option 2: Procure as a single Borough Service

Going out to market just for a Havering only service was considered but rejected on the basis that it would not offer the same opportunities for economies of scale (thereby maximising value for money) that a Three-borough tender across BHR would offer. There would also be the risk that the market would focus on the larger procurement and that there would be little interest in a Havering only procurement. As most BHR residents currently access service from the same provider, there would be the added risk of a Havering only procurement de-stabilising BHR provision if it were not part of the same procurement.

Option 3: Undertake a competitive process for a three-borough service (preferred option).

The procurement of a three-borough service was the preferred option. There was evidence from sexual health commissioning across the country and from previous arrangements that a jointly commissioned service, albeit with local variation to meet specific local priorities, gives greater scope for cost efficiencies in relation to provider overheads, particularly in relation to some of the more complex clinical leadership. This was a key driver for BHR boroughs to come together to jointly commission a more joined up and seamless service to residents, while achieving potential savings, economies of scale and enhancing quality

The procurement exercise ensured compliance with the Council's Contract Rules and EU Legislation and ensure continued provision of sexual health services to local residents beyond the contract end date of 30th September 2018. The Council is therefore able to fulfil its legal obligation to its residents by having an open access sexual health service. As a result, they will have no need to go elsewhere for treatment which is expected to lead to a reduction in the Council's non-contracted spend.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Havering Council Cabinet Report - Sexual Health Contract Award July FINAL VERSION 3.0

1. **TITLE:** **Funding Applications to Veolia Havering Riverside Maintenance Trust**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet

3. **DECISION:**

Cabinet:

- **Agreed** that the Council prepare and submit funding applications to the Veolia Havering Riverside Maintenance Trust (the "Trust") that meet the objectives of the Trust and the Council.
- **Delegated** authority to the Director of Neighbourhoods, after consultation with the Leader, to identify projects which meet the required objectives and authorise submission of applications.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

This decision is required for the Council to apply for funds held by the Trust for the purposes of Council projects which fall within the Trust's objects. The funds were held by the Trust to fund the future management and maintenance of the Rainham landfill site,

but are now available to fund existing capital projects which fulfil the objects of the trust, with no liability for the Council in respect of the future management and maintenance of the site.

The availability of these funds is threatened by a Government decision to abolish the Landfill Communities Fund and a DCLG and ENTRUST decision that compels the Trust to spend the funding within a two to three year period, rather than at the closure of the fully restored landfill by 2031 which was the previous arrangement.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Alternative options considered included:

No application for trust funding be made and the Council funds relevant environmental capital projects from its own resources.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** 180705CabinetReportVHRMTFinal

1. **TITLE: Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2019-2023**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet

3. **DECISION:**

Cabinet:

1. **Approved** the draft Commissioning Plan for Education Provision (CPEP) in Havering 2019-2023;
2. **Approved** the circulation of the draft CPEP for consultation to all stake holders in early years and school place planning;
3. **Delegated** the determination of the final CPEP, to the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning in consultation with the Director of Children's services;
4. **Approved** for the LA to work with Havering sponsors to submit an application in Wave 13 for a new 3 FE mainstream primary free school in Romford.
5. **Approved** for the LA to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for a new special free school and an AP free school
6. **Noted** that a further report will be going to Cabinet, setting out the details of each expansion scheme, the consultation process and indicative costs and funding for each scheme.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

This decision was necessary to progress the strategy for ensuring there are sufficient school places in Havering to meet the rising pupil population.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

It was considered that the Council could proceed with the expansion programme without an agreed CPEP in place. However as the Council is in the leadership role for this major and long term expansion programme, it should be consulting with stake holders on its proposed strategy for meeting the challenge of the rising school population and in so doing reduce the risk of these plans being unsuccessful.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** CabinetreportCPFEP20192023Final
Appendix 1- forecast methodology July 2018
FINAL DRAFT COMMISSIONING PLAN FOR
EDUCATION PROVISION -2019-2023
1. **TITLE: The Development of a Semi-Independent Provision and Residential Units in Borough**
2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet
3. **DECISION:**

Cabinet:

Reviewed and approved the commencement of tendering processes for:

- 1) The works to refurbish two council properties;
- 2) The funding to carry out the works, which is estimated to be £350k
- 3) A care provider to deliver and manage a semi-independent 6 bedded unit in the borough.
- 4) A care provider to deliver and manage a residential or semi-independent 6 bedded unit in the borough.
- 5) The delegated authority for the Director of Children's Services to make the decision in relation to decide on whether the provision will be semi-independent or residential.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

It is the duty of the local authority looking after children to provide continuous accommodation, to advise, assist and befriend children in care with a view to promoting their welfare and provide support for accommodation when the authority have ceased to look after them (section 19A and 22 of the Children's Act 1989). The Sufficiency Guidance 2010 places a duty on local authorities to provide sufficient accommodation to meet the needs of young people in its care.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Option one:

- That the Council continue to spot purchase residential placements where the price secured is determined by the market and all placements are outside the Borough.
- This approach would continue the commissioning of semi-independent placements either from the framework or spot purchase placements at increasing cost.

Option two:

- Contract a provider to refurbish the identified two properties in Havering. Alongside the refurbishment work, the Council would commission a provider to manage and deliver a semi-independent service in each of the two buildings.
- This option would give greater control over the cost and quality in the placements while keeping more children local.

Recommended option:

- Option two was the recommended option to secure two Council buildings; renovate them and then tender for providers to deliver services at the respective sites.
- The approach will reduce the accommodation cost element of a provider's unit cost and deliver savings. It also projects improved outcomes for children through improved contract monitoring practices and a robust service specification.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** P1 Children's Refurbishment Cabinet Report v2.0

1. **TITLE: Update of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and budget for 2019/20**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet

3. **DECISION:**

It was noted that an application had been made to the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board to exempt the MTFS and Budget Update matter from the requisition procedure in accordance with the rules of the Constitution, Paragraph 18, of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules.

This application was granted and therefore this decision is exempt from the Call-in process.

Cabinet:

1. **Noted** the financial context.
2. **Agreed** the proposed consultation process and associated timetable as set out in section 7.
3. **Considered** the proposal to revise the Council Tax Support Scheme and agree that the statutory consultation be undertaken on the basis set out in Section 5, Section 7, Appendix D and Appendix E.
4. **Gave approval** to commence consultation on the proposal to increase the Council Tax empty homes premium to 100% for properties that have been empty for more than two years.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

As detailed in the report, the Council must deliver a budget which is balanced and every effort is being made to close the budget gap. It is necessary for consultation to take place.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

As detailed in the report.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Update of the Council's MTFS & Budget for 2019-20 Report
Update of the Council's MTFS & Budget for 2019-20 Appendix A
Update of the Council's MTFS & Budget for 2019-20 Appendix Bi
Appendix B(ii) for MTFS Report.final
Update of the Council's MTFS & Budget for 2019-20 Appendix C
Update of the Council's MTFS & Budget for 2019-20 Appendix D
Update of the Council's MTFS & Budget for 2019-20 Appendix E