

Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	FFT Aspire Annual Subscription
Decision Maker:	Trevor Cook
Cabinet Member:	Cllr Oscar Ford
SLT Lead:	Tara Geere
Report Author and contact details:	Wendy Goodman, 01708 433794, wendy.goodman@havering.gov.uk
Policy context:	Best value - There is no equivalent product available on the market. The 3rd party provider is 1 of 8 partners with the Department of Education and allows team to deliver their statutory functions for the borough. Whilst it is available via the G-Cloud suite it is at a considerable increase in cost rather than directly from the supplier.
Financial summary:	Purchasing a LA subscription directly from the supplier allows them to provide it to the local authority at a heavily discounted price. We are being charged £28,984. Normal Price if all schools were to buy subscription £65,526, via

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	Government G-Cloud framework £78.725.55.
Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Sub Committee:	People OSC
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	The decision will be exempt from call in as it is a Non key Decision

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The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

People - Things that matter for residents X

Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy

Resources - A well run Council that delivers for People and Place.

Part A – Report seeking decision

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DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

The decision is to make a contract with FFT Education Limited for the value of £28,984, starting in April 2024 for the duration of 1 year.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

3.4 Powers of Second Tier Managers

Contract powers

(a) To approve commencement of a tendering process for, and to award all contracts below a total contract value of £500,000 but above the EU Threshold for Supplies and Services.

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

FFT Aspire is an analytical tool that enables schools (and the local authority) to evaluate school performance and set targets for pupils. It also enables benchmarking using FFT estimates, and real-time monitoring of pupil progress. Access to this individual school and aggregate data is essential for the LA in undertaking its statutory monitoring and intervention duties.

There is no equivalent product available on the market.

The 3rd party provider is 1 of 8 partners with the Department of Education and allows team to deliver their statutory functions for the borough.

Whilst it is available via the G-Cloud suite it is at a considerable increase in cost rather than directly from the supplier.

Subscription is used as a part of a traded function where it is sold on to schools, therefore recouping all of the cost.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Purchasing a LA subscription directly from the supplier allows them to provide it to the local authority at a heavily discounted price.

Normal Price if all schools were to buy subscription £65,526, via Government G-Cloud framework £78,725.55

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PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

None required.

NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Paul Fitzgerald, Education Data Officer

Name: Trevor Cook

Designation: Assistant Director for Education

Signature:



Date: 21/02/24

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Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The Council requires appropriate analytical tools for its employees to carry out its functions. The Council is making a decision to make a contract for a subscription for analytical tools for that purpose.

The Council has the power to make a contract for the subscription through section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, which allows the Council to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of its functions or through its general power of competence in section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything an individual can do. There are limitations on the general power of competence, but the limitations do not apply to this decision.

The contract value is below the applicable public procurement threshold for supply contracts stipulated in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("PCR") of £214 904. Therefore, it is not subject to the full PCR regime.

For these reasons, the Council can make the contract.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Annual subscription is currently the best model of purchase due to limited risk and not the need for a substantial lump sum outlay in one financial year.

The cost of this subscription is recovered from Schools through Traded Services. There is no net cost to the council.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS (AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)

There are no further human resources implications or risks from this decision.

EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

There are no further equalities and social inclusion implications or risks from this decision.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

There are no further environmental and climate change inclusion implications or risks from this decision.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

APPENDICES

None

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Part C – Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Decision

Proposal agreed

~~Proposal NOT agreed because~~

Details of decision maker

Signed



Name: Trevor Cook

~~Cabinet Portfolio held:~~

~~CMT Member title:~~

Head of Service title AD Education Services

~~Other manager title:~~

Date: 21st February 2024

Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to Committee Services, in the Town Hall.

For use by Committee Administration

This notice was lodged with me on _____

Signed _____