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LONDON BOROUGH

Notice of Non-Key Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	Approval of an amendment to My Ends Partnership- Havering
Decision Maker:	<i>Helen Oakerbee</i>
Cabinet Member:	<i>Cllr Barry Mugglestone</i>
ELT Lead:	<i>Helen Oakerbee</i>
Report Author and contact details:	<i>Anisah Rahman- Community Safety Officer</i> <u>Anisah.rahman@havering.gov.uk</u> 01708 433 140
Policy context:	This sits under the delivery of the Havering Community Safety Plan 2022-2025 and the Serious Violence Strategy 2024.
Financial summary:	Amendment of Year 2 spend delivery for MOPAC (Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime) Violence Reduction Unit Grant of £0.170m (2025/2026) as part of the My Ends Partnership Programme.
Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Sub Committee:	<i>Places overview and scrutiny</i>
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	<i>The decision will be exempt from call in as it is a Non key Decision</i>

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

People - Supporting our residents to stay safe and well X

Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy X

Resources - Enabling a resident-focused and resilient Council

Part A – Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

For the reasons set out in this response, the Director of Planning and Public Protection is recommended to:

- (1) To revise the initial Executive Decision (ED) to approve and reallocate £0.025m from the Havering My Ends Partnership Year 2 funding; and
- (2) Award a grant of £0.025m to a new service delivery partner, The Third Space Youth Community Interest Company (Company No. 15375079), (Third Space Youth) for hyperlocal initiatives targeting young people within Romford Town Centre.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

Scheme 3.3.3 Powers common to all Strategic Directors

1. General

1.1 To take any steps, and take any decisions, necessary for the proper management and administration of their allocated directorate, in accordance with applicable Council policies and procedures.

5. Grants

5.1 To apply for, accept and thereafter spend / allocate any grant funding connected with their directorate provided that any match funding or residual liabilities can be met from the existing budget of the directorate. For the avoidance of doubt this delegation shall allow the acceptance of any grant offered / allocated to the Council without any application.

Functions 3.3.3 sub-delegated from Strategic Director of Place to Director of Planning and Public Protection on 3 April 2024.

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This executive decision seeks approval to amend the Year 2 delivery of the My Ends programme by adding a new service delivery partner, Third Space Youth, and awarding them £0.025m. This amendment will enable Third Space Youth to deliver services in Romford Town Centre as part of the My Ends Partnership in Havering.

Local grassroots organisations were able to submit bids for their youth diversionary project to be funded. This reserved funding was made available from the Youth

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Developed initiatives 2025/2026 allocation within the MOPAC grant, Third Space Youth were successful in their application.

The previous ED approved the total grant spending. This ED seeks approval for the reallocation of £0.025m from Youth Developed Initiatives to Third Space Youth to deliver their services in Romford Town Centre.

Awarding a grant to Third Space Youth CIC aligns with the MOPAC Grant agreement requirements for the My Ends Partnership in Havering by addressing several key aspects:

- **Targeted Youth Intervention:** The My Ends programme focuses on hyper-local interventions to tackle localised violence through community collaboration. Third Space Youth CIC will provide targeted youth intervention and diversionary work in Romford Town Centre, which is a critical component of the programme
- **Addressing Unmet Needs:** The addition of Third Space Youth CIC as a service delivery partner is driven by the increased need for safe, girls-only spaces for activities, which existing service providers cannot accommodate. This ensures that the programme meets the diverse needs of the community (please refer to Appendix B, Pg.6).
- **Compliance with Grant Conditions:** The executive decision to amend the Year 2 delivery of the My Ends programme by adding Third Space Youth CIC includes the necessary approval to allocate funds for their service delivery. This ensures compliance with the grant conditions set by the MOPAC.
- **Capacity Building in the Grassroots Sector:** The programme aims to build capacity in the grassroots sector. Third Space Youth CIC, as a grassroots organisation, will contribute to this goal by delivering services that enhance youth engagement and provide safe spaces for activities (please refer to Appendix B, Pg.6).

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The need for targeted youth intervention and diversionary work in Romford has increased, with more girls requesting safe, girls-only spaces for activities, which existing service providers cannot accommodate for. Failure to award the grant to the provider would result in the loss of additional services being provided on Thursdays and Fridays, including diversionary activities and a safe space for a girls-only programme, which is an area currently not covered by the existing My Ends programme in Romford.

This non-compliance with the grant conditions will necessitate returning the funds to the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC).

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

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A My Ends partnership discussion for Year 2 took place on 20th March 2025, this consisted of the existing My Ends partners, Police and LBH's Youth Influence and Participation Team, where Third Space Youth presented their service and proposal to the group. Following this, an anonymous vote took place and the Partnership agreed to the service delivery proposal.

The Havering Community Safety Partnership (HCSP) was informed on May 7, 2025, about the new service delivery offer from Third Space Youth. During the meeting, there was a consensus to agree on the new partner delivering the services.

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

Name: Anisah Rahman

Designation: Community Safety Officer

Signature: 

Date: 10th April 2025

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 gives the Council a general power of competence to do anything an individual can do. The recommendation in this report is in keeping with this power and the Council has the power to reallocate the grant funding and award the proposed grant to Third Space Youth.

The use of the grant funding will need to be made pursuant to the grant terms and conditions including but not limited to the use of the grant funding and the monitoring requirements. Officers are reminded to ensure that they review the terms of the grant agreement.

Furthermore, Contract Procedure Rule 25.4 states that where the funding is for use by a third party the obligation to account for the funding contained in the grant terms will be included in the agreement with the third party. The terms of making the grant shall include a clause to competitively tender for Services, Supplies or Works and reflect the Council's strategies, policies and objectives in so much as they apply to, or are compatible with, the funding objectives as set out in the grant terms imposed on the Council and CPR. Officers will liaise with Legal Services to ensure the grant agreement with Third Space Youth include such provisions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Following the successful HCSP meeting on 7th May 2025, it was agreed to redistribute the already agreed Year 2 MOPAC funding allocation. All expenditure will be in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Grant and the Council's financial regulations. Failure to appoint a provider to deliver a service(s) which meets the needs of the local youth may result in this element of the grant being withdrawn.

The Violence Reduction Grant will now be allocated against the projects set out in the table below.

Expenditure	Previous Distribution of Grant 2025/26 (£m)	Proposed Distribution of Grant 2025/26 (£m)	Difference (£m)
Initial Grassroots Organisations			
Funding of Hub	0.030	0.030	0.000
Coordination and Administration	0.005	0.005	0.000

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Continuation of successful Yr 1 Prog	0.075	0.075	0.000
Youth Developed Initiatives	0.060	0.035	(0.025)
Third Space Youth		0.025	-0.025
Total Expenditure	0.170	0.170	0.000
Funding			
MOPAC (VRG)	(-0.170)	-(0.170)	0.000
Total Funding	(-0.170)	-(0.170)	0.00
Net financial impact	0.000	0.000	0.000

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

The recommendations made in this report do not appear to give rise to any identifiable HR risks or implications that would affect either the Council or its workforce.

EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have 'due regard' to:

- (i) The need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (ii) The need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;
- (iii) Foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

Note: 'Protected characteristics' are age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnerships, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment.

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The Council is committed to all of the above in the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and the employment of its workforce. In addition, the Council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

An EHIA (Equality and Health Impact Assessment) has not been completed and is not required for this decision.

The Council seeks to ensure equality, inclusion, and dignity for all in all situations. There are no equalities and social inclusion implications and risks associated with this decision.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

There is no real impact expected from the work around the grant. To help minimise carbon emissions, workers will be encouraged to use public transport where possible. However, it is acknowledged that the majority of diversionary work will take place in and around the town centre where, where services are within walking distance and existing transport routes will be utilised.

» Climate Change Committee Guidance ([havering.gov.uk](https://www.havering.gov.uk))

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Havering My Ends Partnership Grant Agreement

APPENDICES		
Appendix A	Non-Key ED My Ends Partnership Havering- Signed	Open
Appendix B	My Ends Partnership Fund 2024-26 Specification	Open

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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

Details of decision maker

Signed 

Name: Helen Oakerbee, Director of Planning and Public Protection

Date: 2 June 2025

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 _____