

Notice of Non-Key Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	MOPAC VRU 2025-28 Youth Diversionary Work Harold Hill
Decision Maker:	Helen Oakerbee, Director of Planning and Public Protection
Cabinet Member:	Cllr Barry Mugglestone
ELT Lead:	Neil Stubbings, Strategic Director of Place
Report Author and contact details:	Anisah Rahman - Community Safety Officer Anisah.rahman@havering.gov.uk 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:	The MOPAC (Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime) Violence Reduction Unit has granted £75,000 over three years to provide youth diversionary work in Harold Hill. Expenditure will amount to £25,000 over the financial years beginning from 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027- 28.
Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Sub Committee:	Places overview and scrutiny
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

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Part A – Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

For the reasons set out in the report, the Director of Planning and Public Protection is recommended to agree to undertake a procurement for a sports-based youth diversion initiative in Harold Hill, as detailed below, to choose a delivery partner to deliver the service.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

Part 3 of the Council's Constitution

Scheme 3.3.3 Powers common to all Strategic Directors

4 Contracts

4.1 To approve commencement of a tendering process for all contracts below a total contract value £1,000,000.

Notice of delegation of responsibility for functions in accordance with:

Neil Stubbings, Strategic Director of Place delegated functions within Scheme 3.3.3 to Helen Oakerbee, Director of Planning and Public Protection.

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This project aims to deliver a sports-based youth diversion initiative in Harold Hill, building on the success of recent pilots in the area. It will offer structured weekly sessions over a minimum of 25 weeks per year, providing a positive environment to help divert young people from criminal activity by boosting self-esteem, improving physical health, and strengthening resilience. Each session will run for two hours and be led by at least two facilitators. Grant funding will provide £25,000 per year to cover staffing and venue hire costs.

Officers will undertake a request for quotes through Fusion from at least three providers to procure a service delivery partner. The quotes will be evaluated on 70% price and 30% quality. The contract will be awarded to the Most Advantageous Tender.

Strategic oversight will be managed by the Havering Community Safety Partnership (HCSP), whilst operational oversight will be carried out by the Serious Violence Strategic Partnership.

Failure to agree and accept this grant will mean the potential loss of £75,000 for 2025-2028 to provide positive diversionary work to tackle serious youth violence and

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Antisocial Behaviour in Harold Hill. Funds need to be spent before March 31st 2028 and cannot be carried forward.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The Council does not have the resources and expertise to deliver the service in-house and therefore a procurement needs to be undertaken to choose a delivery partner.

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

None required

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

Name: Anisah Rahman

Designation: Community Safety Officer

Signature:

Date: 10th June 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 undertake a procurement to choose a service provider.

The proposed contract value is estimated to be £75,000 and is below the applicable procurement threshold for service contracts and accordingly the procurement process does not fall within the rigours of the Procurement Act 2023. However, the procurement process must comply with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules (CPR). In accordance with CPR 9.8 the Council's officers are required to obtain at least 3 comparable written quotations using the e-tendering suite Request for Quotation procedure.

For the reasons set out above, the Council may procure the contract as detailed in the report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

This report seeks approval to procure a delivery partner for youth diversionary activities in Harold Hill, funded by a £75,000 grant from MOPAC VRU over three financial years (£25,000 annually from 2025/26 to 2027/28). The funding will fully cover delivery costs, with no additional financial contribution required from the Council.

The grant will be disbursed in equal annual instalments and is ring-fenced to cover staffing and venue hire for weekly sessions. All funds must be spent by 31 March 2028 and cannot be carried forward. Failure to do so may result in the grant being withdrawn. Should the procurement or delivery be delayed, there is a risk that the full allocation may not be spent within the required timeframe, potentially resulting in clawback of funds.

The tender process will be managed in accordance with both the Council's procurement rules and the Terms and Conditions of the Grant to ensure transparency, competitiveness, and best value, and to mitigate the risk of delay.

The breakdown of the awarded funding is as follows:

Expenditure	2025/26 (£m)	2026/27 (£m)	2027/28 (£m)	3 Year Total (£m)
Venue Hire	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.015
Service Delivery	0.020	0.020	0.020	0.060
Total Expenditure	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.075

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Funding				
MOPAC (VRG)	-0.025	-0.025	-0.025	-0.075
Total Funding	-0.025	-0.025	-0.025	-0.075
Net financial impact	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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.

The Council is committed to all 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 Harold Hill where services are within walking distance and existing transport routes will be utilised.

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers attached

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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: 21 July 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 _____