

**Executive Decision
Individual Decision Notice**



Decision Maker: Cabinet, 1 December 2015

Classification:
Unrestricted

Award of contracts for the delivery of (i) the Health Visiting Service and (ii) the Family Nurse Partnership to commence on 1st April 2016

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 – notice is hereby given that an Executive Key Decision is required to be taken under General Exception Urgency provisions as it is not possible to provide at least 28 clear days’ notice of the decision but it is possible to give at least 5 clear days’ notice of the decision.

As required under the above regulations, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be notified of the above decision being taken under the General Exception Provision.

This notification will be published as soon as possible before the decision is taken, stating why the decision must be taken urgently.

Reason why it is impractical to provide 28 clear days’ notice of the decision:

The Health Visiting and Family Nurse Partnership contracts were included in the Forward Plan report that went to them Cabinet on 28th July 2015. Cabinet resolved that: award of all the contracts listed should be individually presented to future Cabinet meetings for decision, unless urgency requires that an individual mayoral decision be sought.

The tender process has been completed for both services. A three month mobilisation period is required to enable the new Health Visiting and Family Nurse Partnership services to commence on 1st April 2016. To delay the award of the contract until the Cabinet meeting in January 2016 would have a serious impact on the mobilisation time available and potentially jeopardise the ability of the new service to commence on 1st April 2016.

It had been previously agreed to use an IMD to speed up decision-making and allow for mobilisation but it has now been suggested that we could with appropriate permissions take this to an earlier Cabinet meeting.

Signature:

Dr Somen Banerjee

Date:

11th November, 2015

Further details of the decision to be taken:

Key Decision? Yes	Ward(s) All Wards
Summary of Decision	<p>Award of the service contracts for Health Visiting and Family Nurse Partnership to new providers following the completion of a tender process.</p> <p>A contract for the Health Visiting and Family Nurse partnership was novated to the Council on 1st October 2015 but the contract ends on 31st March 2016. Procurement has been carried out in accordance with Council procurement procedures and contract awards are now being recommended. It is essential for service continuity that the new contracts can commence on 1st April and as this is a critical service an adequate mobilisation period is required to enable the TUPE transfer of staff to be completed and for robust operational arrangements to be put in place.</p>

Community Plan Theme	A Healthy and Supportive Community
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services (Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Full consultation of stakeholders was carried out prior to the commencement of the procurement and in order to inform the specifications for both services.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No. Equality issues were explored through the pre-procurement stakeholder engagement. The Health Visiting service is a universal service that provides additional tiered support that is aimed at the more vulnerable families. The Family Nurse Partnership is an additional service that works with teenage mothers and fathers and the international evidence shows that this makes a contribution to reduction of health inequalities.
Contact details for comments or additional information	Dr Somen Banerjee (Interim Director of Public Health, LBTH) somen.banerjee@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/a
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so	No, Unrestricted

why (Paragraph number – see notes section)?	
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Advance notice of Key Decisions

Key decisions are all those decisions which involve major spending, or savings, or which have a significant impact on the local community. The precise definition of a key decision adopted by Tower Hamlets is contained in Article 13.03 of the [Constitution](#). Key Decisions are taken by the Mayor, or the Mayor in Cabinet.

Individual notices of new Key Decisions will be published on the website as they are known, whilst a Forward Plan collating these decisions will be published 28 days before each Cabinet meeting. The Forward Plan will be published on the Council's website and will also be available to view at the Town Hall and Libraries, Ideas Centres and One Stop Shops if required. [The Committee pages](#) on the Council website include copies of the Forward Plan, Cabinet and other meeting dates and the publication dates of the Forward Plan.

If, due to reasons of urgency, a Key Decision has to be taken where 28 days' notice have not been given. Notice will be published (including on the website) as early as possible and Urgency Procedures as set out in the Constitution will have to be followed.

The most effective way for the public to make their views known about the issues listed in the Forward Plan is to examine the consultation column of the Forward Plan, and/or contact the report author or Cabinet Lead Member as soon as possible, and no later than 10 working days before the decision is expected to be taken.

You can also view the Council's [Consultation Calendar](#), which lists all the issues on which the Council and its partners are consulting.

Reports, appendices and background papers will be available on the Council's website 5 clear working days before the Cabinet meeting. For all other information or to submit documents in relation to any issue, please contact the relevant officer.

Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

The Council is also required to give at least 28 days' notice if it wishes to consider any of the reports on the agenda of an Executive meeting (such as Cabinet) in private session. The last row of each item below will indicate any proposal to consider that item in private session. Should you wish to make any representations in relation to an item being considered in private please contact Democratic Services on the contact details listed below. Note that this applies to Cabinet but not to Individual Mayoral Decisions outside of Cabinet.

The notice may reference a paragraph of Section 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act. In summary those paragraphs refer to the following types of exempt information (more information is available in the Constitution):

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority handling the information)
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:-
 - a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

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