


<p style="text-align: center;">Executive Decision Individual Decision Notice</p>	 TOWER HAMLETS
Decision Maker: Mayor's Executive Decision Making, 6 Mar 2020	Classification: Unrestricted
MHCLG Rough Sleeping Initiative 2020/2021	

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 – notice is required to be given of the intention to take Executive Key Decisions.


Notice is given either through an Individual Decision Notice or through the Forward Plan. Notice must normally be given 28 Days' before the decision can be taken.

Notice is also given that the call in procedure, as set out in Section 30 of the Council's Constitution, will not apply to this decision. As required by the Council's Constitution, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed to this and his comments are recorded below.

Reason why any delay likely to be caused by the 'Call In' process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interests.	
MHCLG have informed the Council that it requires a signed Memorandum of Understanding by Friday 6 March 2020 to ensure grant funding can be in place for 1 April 2020. This requires approval for existing contracts with providers to be varied. Failing to meet this deadline will jeopardise receipt of funding by the Council in April 2020 meaning the Council will be unable to provide assurance to our commissioned services that services and roles will continue throughout 2020/21. St Mungo's and Providence Row have a number of rough sleeping related services which are all at serious risk of terminating if we do not receive funding to pay them. The MHCLG year on year funding and late notification of awards have created very tight and somewhat unrealistic deadlines. However, it is not the wish of the council to see our rough sleeping population experience the consequences of these tight funding timeframes. Until we can inform our providers that they will receive MHCLG RSI 2020/21 funding they are unable to continue staff employment contracts beyond 31 March 2020. Their staff are already looking for other jobs given they have little job certainty.	
Signature:	Date:
Karen Swift, Divisional Director Housing and Regeneration	5 March 2020
Comments of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
<p>Tackling homelessness is a key priority of the council and I understand the prescient need to secure funding to continue contracts.</p> <p>I do have queries requesting more details about the timing of this application, would like reassurances that all possible steps have been taken to avoid truncating the decision</p>	

making process in this way and find out how this grant might impact the Medium Term Financial Strategy which includes savings in this service that the council has recently agreed.

However, these queries can be dealt with through usual scrutiny mechanisms and are not appropriate for a full Call In process.

Signature:	Date:
 Councillor James King	5 March 2020

Key Decision? No	Ward(s) All Wards
Summary of Decision	<p>The Mayor is being asked to approve two contract variations, one for the council's commissioned Enhanced Rough Sleeping Outreach Service and one for the council's commissioned Resource Centre for Rough Sleepers. These variations are the result of the council being successful in its bid to the MHCLG for new and continued funding for a range of innovative and effective rough sleeping services.</p> <p>The MHCLG grants are ring fenced and delivery organisations are identified to ensure speedy mobilisation of new services and the continuation of services that commenced in 2018/19 and 2019/20.</p>

Community Plan Theme	TH Plan 3: Strong, resilient and safe communities
Cabinet Member	Mayor (Mayor John Biggs) Councillor Sirajul Islam, Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing
Contact details for comments or additional information	Karen Swift Divisional Director Housing & Regeneration Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why (Paragraph number – see notes section)?	No, Unrestricted

NOTES

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.

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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