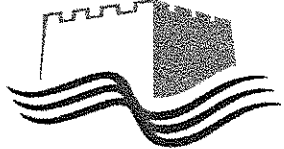


Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma Decision Log No: _____	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Ellie Kershaw – Acting Corporate Director of Place W/C 19/06/23	Classification: Unrestricted
Strategic Investment Pot, Inclusive Growth and LIFT Affordable Workspace Project Grants	

Is this a Key Decision?	No
Decision Notice Publication Date:	(Report author to state date of decision notice – either individual notice or within the Forward Plan)
General Exception or Urgency Notice published?	Not required
Restrictions:	N/A
Reason for seeking an Individual Mayoral Decision:	<p>This item is seeking the approval of delegated authority to Stephen Halsey (Interim Chief Executive) from the Mayor to undertake a competitive expression of interest process to secure affordable workspace provision and provide two grants. The successful bidders will be provided with two grant payments of £155k and £435k to successfully deliver the requirements of the IG & LIFT funding agreements.</p> <p>The funding for the LIFT programme expires on 31/03/24, making the appointment of a provider and grant disbursement urgent. Providing delegated authority to the Chief Executive will allow council officers to undertake an expression of interest process based on procurement principles to appoint a workspace provider and disburse a payment to the provider in the form of a grant. This will deliver the funders requirements within the allotted time period and avoid the need to return funding due to the Council being unable to deliver the funders requirements to provide affordable workspace.</p>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report has been prepared to seek the approval of delegated authority to Stephen Halsey – Interim Chief Executive, Tower Hamlets Council from the Mayor; to undertake a competitive expression of interest process to secure affordable workspace provision and provide a grant payment to the successful

bidders. The successful bidders will be provided two grant payment of: £155k (LIFT Programme) and £435k (LIFT & Inclusive Growth (IG) programmes).

The funding for the LIFT programme expires on 31/03/24, making the appointment of a provider and grant disbursement urgent. Providing authority to Stephen Halsey – Interim Chief Executive, Tower Hamlets Council will allow council officers to undertake a competitive expression of interest process based on procurement principles in order to quickly appoint a workspace provider and disburse a payment to the provider in the form of a grant. This will mean that: the target deadline for both programmes is met; the funding will not need to be returned to the funder; the Council is able to provide key benefits to businesses seeking affordable workspace provision.

Full details of the decision sought, including setting out the reasons for the recommendations and/or all the options put forward; other options considered; background information; the comments of the Chief Finance Officer; the concurrent report of the Head of Legal Services; implications for One Tower Hamlets; Risk Assessment; Background Documents; **and other relevant matters are set out in the attached report.**

DECISION

[Proposed decision to be entered here]

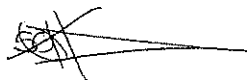
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APPROVALS

1. (If applicable) Corporate Director proposing the decision or his/her deputy

I approve the attached report and proposed decision above for submission to the Mayor. I confirm that the Mayor and/or Lead Member have agreed to this decision being taken using this process.

Signed




Date 04.07.2023

Stephen Halsey, Interim Chief Executive

2. Chief Finance Officer or his/her deputy

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

Signed  Date 19/07/23


3. Monitoring Officer or his/her deputy

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

(For Key Decision only – delete as applicable)

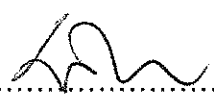
I confirm that this decision:-

- (a) has been published in advance on the Council's Forward Plan OR
- (b) is urgent and subject to the 'General Exception' or 'Special Urgency' provision at paragraph 18 or 19 respectively of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.


Signed Date 14 July 2023

4. Mayor

I agree the decision proposed in the recommendations above for the reasons set out in paragraph **XX** in the attached report.

Signed  Date 