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**Subject:** Call In - Drug and Alcohol Action Team commissioning

**Importance:** High

### **O&S Call in: DAAT Commissioning**

We the undersigned hereby call in the Mayor's decision in Cabinet with regard to the re-procurement of Drug and Alcohol Action Team services.

From the outset we must make clear that we do not oppose DAAT re-commissioning, nor the principle of consortium commissioning with local providers. This call in is to seek further clarification from the Mayor and Cabinet Members for Resources and Community Safety as to their remit as agreed at Cabinet.

At Cabinet a proposal was agreed that gave Cllrs Choudhury and Ahmed responsibility for developing the commissioning's strategic direction and encouraging a consortium approach that involves local providers.

The Mayor has previously spoken of his desire to uphold the "*highest standards of probity and transparency*" in this regard we hope that this call in is welcomed as an opportunity to further clarify the details of this decision.

Whilst we support the principle of local providers being engaged and bought on-board it is unclear what remit is being given to Cllr Choudhury and Ahmed given that this approach, of multiple providers, is effectively the opposite of the officer recommendation that the service providers be reconciled from 23 currently to just two.

It is important to work closely with local voluntary sector groups, however it is equally important that the process of procurement, and the reasons behind that process, is clear to all potential providers .

We also have to be careful to avoid any perception of inappropriate interference in a commissioning process, especially in light of recent concerns. This call in will give the Mayor opportunity to fully explain his plan for the re-commissioning of DAAT services, and for members to further understand the basis of the Cabinet members' role.

### **Alternative recommendations:**

- That the Mayor fully explain his strategic vision for the re-commissioning of DAAT services and the basis on which he made his decision.
- That the Mayor clearly sets out the role he has mandated the Cabinet Members for Resources and Community Safety to have in the re-commissioning of DAAT services.

Signed:

**Cllr Rachael Saunders**

**Cllr Shiria Khatun**

**Cllr Danny Hassell**

**Cllr Sirajul Islam**

**Cllr Clare Harrisson**