

Contract Ref & Title	HAC5806 – Infant Feeding and Wellbeing Service		
Procurement Category:	Health and Care	Contract Duration & Extensions:	4 Years + 1 Year + 1 Year + 1 Year = 7 Years Total
One-Time / Recurrent	Recurrent	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	£2.66m		
Value Per Annum:	£380,000	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Non Statutory
Cost Code	R5602.37007.A2957	Budget	
Current annual value	£380,000 per Year	Revised Annual Contract	£ 380,000 per Year
Savings Annual Value	Not Applicable		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

The funding for this project is mainly spent on staff costs, overheads are very low. The existing contract is with an NHS organisation and staff have recently had a 3% pay rise. The budget has remained the same since 2018 and we are not asking for an increase in the budget. Any further savings would significantly impact on service delivery. The possibility of savings will be reviewed during the course of the contract.

Scope of Contract

Main objective:

The Infant Feeding and Wellbeing Service provides support to families with infant feeding, including to increase breastfeeding initiation and duration, to optimise mixed and formula feeding and to provide support and information on the introduction of solid foods. The service will be delivered in line with NICE guidance on the provision of infant feeding support.

Service impact:

The existing service has been nationally recognised as a beacon of good practice, and it is a critical factor in Tower Hamlets having among the highest breastfeeding rates at 6-8 weeks in the UK. Breastfeeding has a wide range of health benefits in both the short and long term for infants and mothers. The team promote responsive feeding to help mothers and babies develop strong, loving relationships which support brain development. All of these benefits are realised in reduced need to access health and other services across the life-course making the service very cost-effective. The service is highly valued by local families as demonstrated by previous public consultations.

Service provision:

The service provides support in the antenatal period through workshops, face-to-face support on the maternity ward after delivery, and home visits and clinics in the community after discharge. All mothers in the borough will be offered the service through a phone-call and offer of a home visit within 2 days of discharge from hospital. The service has a wider health promotion role including Making Every Contact Count (MECC), providing brief interventions and referrals into other services. They have a key role to play in the Baby Friendly Initiative accreditation, providing as the support that families need to build a successful relationship with their baby and protect breastfeeding. The contract also includes a volunteer peer support element enabling local mothers to undertake an accredited training in providing breastfeeding peer support, opening up a route to potential future employment. This peer support element is an essential component to providing a holistic infant feeding support service in the borough.

Contracting Approach

There is ongoing work to evaluate the current service to ensure that what is offered from 2023 onwards is the best possible service. This evaluation is likely to report in January 2021. However there is a clear argument for maintaining the funding at its current level as this service plays such an important role in the critical first 1001 days of a child's life.

In the fourth Quarter of 2021-22 we will hold a marketplace event in order to understand what providers might be interested in this work. The specification will be drafted in light of the marketplace event, evaluation, health needs assessment and a service scoping exercise and under the guidance of a qualified task and finish group. We are proposing putting the contract out to tender in summer 2022 and to have awarded the contract by December 2022 to allow a 3-month transition post award and significant mobilisation period before the new service begins in April 2023.

It is proposed to make this a 4+1+1+1 (total 7) year contract. This long duration reflects a commitment to investing in this evidence-based approach, to make it an attractive prospect to provider (noting there are very few providers in this market), to give more stability to effect service development objectives (principally around longer-term objectives e.g. pathway and partnership development) and to facilitate high access for residents by having a stable, well-understood service offer.

The procurement process will be compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. The procurement approach will be developed in discussion with Corporate Procurement / Legal Services, but it is likely to be an open tender with the necessary adverts being published as specified by Regulations. The tender opportunity will also be advertised on the London Tenders portal for the LBTH. It is anticipated these adverts will attract the interest of local service providers and afford them the opportunity to register and participate in the tendering process for this contract.

Community Benefits

The contract includes a volunteer peer support element enabling local mothers to undertake an accredited training in providing breastfeeding peer support, opening up a route to potential future employment.

In addition, promoting breastfeeding has significant environmental benefits. Breastfeeding for six months saves an estimated 95-153 kg CO2 equivalent per baby compared with formula feeding.

In addition, Social Value will have 5% overall weighting in the tender evaluation process with the requirements being developed and defined during the preparation of the Tender Pack. This will include consideration of Social Value benefits that can reasonably be delivered within the proposed contract.

Contract Ref & Title	HAC5880 Re-procurement of Tower Hamlets Tobacco Cessation Service		
Procurement Category:	Health and Social Care	Contract Duration & Extensions:	3 years + 2 years i.e. 1 st April 2023 – 31 st March 2026, with an option to extend for a period or periods of up to 2 years until 31 st March 2028 Subject to the Cabinet Approval on the waiver to extend the current Contract (AHS5187) for 8 months until 31st March 2023
One-Time / Recurrent	Recurrent	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	£2,645,000		
Value Per Annum:	£529,000	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Non Statutory
Cost Code	R5602 37010	Budget	£2.645 m in total for five years A combination of three budgets (£529,000 per annum): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHS5187: £310,000 plus £85,000 (medications supply) • HAC5265: £134,000
Current annual value	£529,000 per Year	Revised Annual Contract	£529,000 per Year
Savings Annual Value	Not Applicable		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

Savings are considered “Not Applicable” to this project procurement.

Though the level of smoking in Tower Hamlets has decreased significantly in past years, but it continues to remain above the regional and national average levels. It is proposed that the Corporate’s annual target of successful 4-week quits be set at 1,250 as the minimum target, with 1,500 remained as the stretch/desirable target.

The following factors have been considered, with the aim to achieve the set target for quits:

- The continued budget cuts for tobacco cessation services under ring-fenced public health grant from £605,647 per annum in 2017/18
- The prices on the rise including living costs, staff salaries, premises costs, equipment consumables e.g. CO monitor and mouth pieces, pharmacotherapy Inc. NRT products costs
- Financial viability for the successful supplier to maintain a high-quality effective smoking cessation service locally

Though there are nil savings from this re-procurement, the tobacco cessation service is highly cost-effective, and will save smoking-attributable economic costs to society. It is estimated that smoking in Tower Hamlets costs society approximately £121.9m each year ([ASH Ready Reckoner 2019](#)), through lost productivity, healthcare, social care costs and smoking related house fires.

Scope of Contract

We are seeking approval to go out to tender for a contract for tobacco cessation service starting from 1st April 2023, implementing the integrated model of service delivery, and aligning multiple contractual arrangements to simplify administration and ensure consistent quality.

This would be subject to the approval on the ‘extension of the current Specialist Smoking Cessation contract (AHS5187) for a period of 8 months’ which is submitted separately for Q4 Cabinet Contracts Forward Plan.

- Current service provision with multiple contractual arrangements and multiple budget streams

Currently there are multiple contractual arrangements for tobacco cessations services in Tower Hamlets. Details are noted below.

Contract	Supplier	Contract period	Budget per annum
AHS5187 - Specialist Tobacco Cessation Service	Queen Mary University of London	3+2 years 01/08/2017 – 31/07/2022	£310,000 plus £85,000 (medications supply)
HAC5265 – Tobacco cessation service in community pharmacies	Local community pharmacies within the borough	3+2 years 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2023	£134,000
HAC5306A Nicotine Replacement Therapy Framework	Sigma Pharmaceuticals	2+1+1 08/07/2019 – 07/07/2022, subject to a further extension (1 year)	N/A

The specialist tobacco cessation service contract (AHS5187) is due to expire on 31st July 2022, and the tobacco cessation service in community pharmacies (HAC5265) is due to expire on 31st March 2023.

- Redesigning services & the scope of contract

Given the landscape for tobacco cessation service delivery has changed including system-wide developments, it provides the opportunity to review current service provision and to re-design the model of service delivery.

Public Health has proposed the integrated model of service delivery, with a Prime Supplier to be responsible

for all aspects of service delivery and performance:

- To achieve Corporate's quit targets for tobacco cessation services, reducing the number of local tobacco users in Tower Hamlets, especially among priority groups (e.g. young people, pregnant women, COPD, mental health/severe mental illness, BAME, routine and manual workers)
- To reduce smoking prevalence, smoking-attributable morbidity and mortality in Tower Hamlets
- To prevent uptake and promote quitting via social marketing campaigns and workforce development
- To work with a network of sub-contractors in community to ensure equitable access, and to strengthen partnership working with primary and secondary care to establish effective pathways
- To deliver services in line with the latest best practice recommendations (NICE NG209)

It will integrate current several contractual arrangements into one procurement, bringing current several budget streams into one.

The integrated model (the whole system approach) would enable connectivity of pathways and ensure cohesive service delivery and consistent quality, achieving better health outcomes for local residents.

The contract period is proposed to be 5 years (3 years with an option to extend for a period or periods of up to 2 years).

- Alternative option if the 'extension of the current Specialist Smoking Cessation contract (AHS5187) for a period of 8 months' rejected

This would result in re-procuring the same service (specialist tobacco cessation service separately) probably with little market interest based on the learning from the last procurement in 2017 and limited improvements on service delivery, which would not be a viable option.

Although it would not be a viable option, in case of rejection of 'extension of the current Specialist Smoking Cessation contract (AHS5187) for a period of 8 months', we would have to seek approval to go out to tender for a contract for specialist tobacco cessation service starting from 1st August 2022.

The contract period is proposed to be 5 years (3 years with an option to extend for a period or periods of up to 2 years until 31st July 2027).

The annual budget for tobacco cessation services is still £529,000 per annum (£2.645m in total for 5 years), split between the specialist tobacco cessation service (£439,000 per annum, £2.195m for five years) and the tobacco cessation service in community pharmacies (£90,000 per annum, £450,000 for five years).

A separate procurement exercise would be required for the service delivered by pharmacies, missing the opportunity to redesign the services and integrate service lines fitting for purposes.

Again, with this option we would have to continue with multiple contractual arrangements for Tower Hamlets tobacco cessation services, which is not efficient for Council's contract management and audits, and difficult to ensure cohesive delivery and consistent quality.

▪ **Key strategy and policy commitments**

- [Smoke-free generation: tobacco control plan for England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612222/Smoke-free-generation-tobacco-control-plan-for-England-2021-24.pdf)
- [Council's strategic plan 2021-24](#). Priority 1: People are aspirational, independent and have equal access to opportunities. Outcome 3: people access joined-up services when they need them and feel healthier and more independent.

Contracting Approach

The procurement process will be compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. The procurement approach will be developed in discussion with Corporate Procurement and where appropriate may include the provisions of Regulations 74

to 77 for Social and other specific services listed in Schedule 3 (Lite Touch Regime). The tender opportunity will be advertised as required by the Regulations and will appear on the London Tenders portal for the LBTH. It is anticipated these adverts will attract the interest of local service providers and afford them the opportunity to register and participate in the tendering process for this contract.

A pre-tender market engagement event was held on 2nd December 2021 with 14 representatives from nine potential suppliers attended, and there's a high level of market interest in the integrated model of service delivery, as the whole system approach would enable connectivity of pathways and ensure cohesive service delivery and consistent quality, achieving better health outcomes for local residents.

A further supplier engagement event will be held after the tender publication.

Community Benefits

Social Value will have 5% overall weighting in the tender evaluation process with the requirements being developed and defined during the preparation of the Tender Pack. This will include consideration of Social Value benefits that can reasonably be delivered within the proposed contract.

Contract Ref & Title	HAC5807 Young People Health and Wellbeing Service		
Procurement Category:	Health and Social Care	Contract Duration & Extensions:	7 Month extension to the existing contract and then Re-procurement for 3 Years + 1 Years + 1 Years = 5 Years Total
One-Time / Recurrent	Recurrent	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	£3,148,405		
Value Per Annum:	£629,681 (current budget, that is the Public Health Grant)	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Non Statutory
Cost Code	R5602 37008 A1069	Budget	
Current annual value	£629,681 per Year	Revised Annual Contract	£629,681 per Year
Savings Annual Value	Not Applicable		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

The service has had cost reductions in 2020-21 and 2021-22 amounting to £52k. Further reductions to the budget of this service could put the future procurement/delivery of the service at risk, as providers will not be able to respond to present market forces, for example, the rise in inflation and wages. Further cost savings could result in providers not bidding for the service or responding to the tender but providing a service that is not of a satisfactory quality.

Scope of Contract

The service will contribute to the achievement and improvement of positive life outcomes of young people in Tower Hamlets by addressing the following issues: sexual health, including sexually transmitted infection and contraception and substance misuse including drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and harms through associated risk behaviour. The service will be conducted to promote the emotional wellbeing of young people with referral to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) as appropriate. The service will offer health promotion, universal, targeted and specialist services that are non-judgemental, evidence based, prevention focused and age appropriate to young people aged 10-19 years. The core offer will extend to those 19-25 years old who are known to be particularly vulnerable to poor health, including Look After Children, children leaving care and those with special Educational Needs or Disability.

The integrated service objectives are to:

- Promote health and wellbeing through health promotion, education and, where appropriate, treatment for sexual ill health and substance misuse;
- Provide a welcoming, accessible service with a clear culture of ongoing enquiry and challenge to 'normalised' harmful practices;
- Provide brief interventions for young people engaging in behaviours that may become harmful to their health and wellbeing;
- Identify and deliver targeted education and early intervention programmes to groups/individuals at risk;
- Provide advice and information for young people and their parents/carers on risky exploratory behaviours, including sexual health and substance misuse;

- Ensure services are acceptable and accessible to people disproportionately affected by unintended pregnancy, sexual ill-health and harms associated with substance misuse based on up-to-date needs assessment;
- Enable those young people who are unable to stop using drugs to stabilise their drug use and minimise harm;
- Provide testing and treatment programmes for children and young people that address sexual health and/or substance misuse needs (alcohol, drugs, and tobacco);
- Support service users' children and young people in returning to school/further education/training/employment to reduce the risk of relapse into harmful behaviours;
- Participate in partnership working with other relevant agencies including mutually agreed reciprocal staff training where appropriate for key staff groups;
- Transition into adult services will include contributing to transitional care plan;
- Collect demographic data relating to behaviours, referrals, utilisation of services and programmes in addition to general service activity and quality data and provide this as part of the JSNA process in the local authority area;
- Promote self-efficacy and health literacy.

Extension of the Present Contract

Permission is also being sought within this paper to extend the current Integrated Young People's Health and Wellbeing Service contract (the present contract will cease on 31 December 2022) for the period 1st January to 31st July 2023. The extension will allow commissioners to explore the option of aligning this service with the School Health and Wellbeing Service (SHWSi) contract (HAC522), which ceases on the 31st July 2023. The amalgamation of these two services will allow a seamless approach in delivering a full integrated service to this age group, which means that individuals will not be seeing different services for different requirements.

The advantage of amalgamation is that there could be potential cost savings with one management structure with a lead provider in place, and a number of sub-contractors delivering different health elements, the project team will explore and develop this over the next six months with a feasibility study.

This work will be informed by an evaluation of the two projects in scope the SHWS and the Integrated Young People's Health and Wellbeing Service and a Health Needs Assessment for the age group 11 to 19.

If amalgamation of the two services is not feasible then they the services will be commissioned separately.

Draft Proposed Timetable for the new service which will be developed further

Task	Proposed Date
Formation of Task and Finish Group	December 2021
Monthly meetings	To be arranged
Request for Quotation for evaluation of the 2 services and Health Needs Assessment	Completed by April/May 2022
Market Testing Day	May/June 2022
Specification Development / Method Statement (Will also involve a literature review of present guidance and will include the impact of the pandemic).	February to August 2022
Publishing Tender	September 2022
Mobilisation Period	March to July 2023

Table 1: Timetable for Service Development

Contracting Approach

The procurement process will be compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. The procurement approach will be developed in discussion with Corporate Procurement / Legal Services and where appropriate may include the provisions of Regulations 74 to 77 for Social and other specific services listed in Schedule 3 (Lite Touch Regime). The tender opportunity will be advertised as required by the Regulations and will appear on the London Tenders

portal for the LBTH. It is anticipated these adverts will attract the interest of local service providers and afford them the opportunity to register and participate in the tendering process for this contract.

Community Benefits

The successful bidder will be required to submit economic and community benefits for local residents as part of the tender process. Social Value will have a 5% overall weighting in the tender evaluation process with the requirements being developed and defined during the preparation of the Tender Pack.

Note (i) SHWS is the Health Child Programme 5-19 years and aims to ensure that every child get the good start they need to lay the foundations of a healthy life.

Contract Ref & Title	CS5732 Young People (YP) Supported Living Schemes		
Procurement Category:	Heath and Social Care	Contract Duration & Extensions:	6 Month Extension to Existing Contracts)
One-Time / Recurrent	Recurrent	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	£581,511 Value of the 6 Month Extension To Be Confirmed		
Value P/A:	Estimate between £1.3m – £1.6m	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Statutory
Cost Code	85059	Budget	£1.4M total commissioned services children (CSC)
Current value	SH Pathway = £5,731,609.40 (5 years)	Revised Annual Contract	£1.3m – £1.6m
Savings Annual Value	Not Applicable		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

No savings will be delivered in the Appendix 1 request to extend an existing Contract.

Scope of Contract

The current SH Pathway includes four block contracts (below) which are currently utilised by the Through Care Service (TCS) and Housing Options Support Team (HOST) offering support and accommodation for care leavers (CL's) and Young People (YP) age 16 to 25 who are at risk of homelessness.

CS5273	Young People Assessment & Support Service
AHS5147	Tower Hamlets North Young Persons Support Service
AHS5146	Mile End Road Young Persons Support Service
AHS5145	Tower Hamlets Campbell Road Young People's Support Service

Contracting Approach

This proposal seeks approval for an additional contract extension for a further six (6) months to allow more time for the recommission to be undertaken as a result of the 'Enabling Functions Review' and lack of resources within the respective teams including CICT, procurement, legal and PMO which has delayed the recommission.

The value of the contract extension is above the threshold value of £189,000 for a Record of a Corporate Director Action and therefore it must be referred to Cabinet for a decision.

Any increase on the Budget due to contract negotiations is to be agreed by the Corporate Director for Finance in conjunction with the Corporate Director for Health, Adults and Community.

There has been significant progress since July 2021 including the recruitment of an interim commissioning manager in September 2021 who has been leading on the recommission:

- The internal working Board (led by CSC, CICT and Housing) has been established to oversee the recommission and identify best practice model to meet the placement needs of TH YP.
- A YP advisory board is in the process of being set up jointly with the Exploitation Team. The membership will include YP with lived experience who will help to coproduce the SH pathway and Violence Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy (VVE). Four (4) YP have been recruited so far and there are interviews in the pipeline.
- There was a series of virtual stakeholder workshops for YP SH from Oct – Nov 2021 with the internal CSC practitioners utilising the SH pathway (including TCS, HOST and CPT) and the SH block providers and SIL providers (Framework and spots).
- YP are being consulted for their feedback about current and past placements via a YP survey which has been sent out to YP 16 – 25 in placements and an e-survey is being launched on the Let's Talk Tower Hamlets (LTTH) platform to target Care Leavers and YP who are placed outside the borough including YP who have exited the pathway in the last two (2) years.
- We are working with the Commissioning Alliance (CA) to explore the cost and quality benefits of joining the SIL framework particularly for any YP support needs that cannot be met within the proposed SH block contract being commissioned.
- Although we still have gaps CICT have obtained sufficient data from the internal CSC practitioners utilising the SH pathway (including TCS, HOST and CPT) including costings for the SIL and spot purchased placements to inform the service model and specification and we are in the process of benchmarking with the sector commissioning leads and other LA as well as exploring YP employment opportunities within CSC.

The contract extensions being proposed would allow time for the service specification to be developed by the internal working board and external market engagement and service mobilisation. The recommission involves a transformation of the whole pathway thus the extension is required to allow the market sufficient time to identify suitable properties whilst at the same time enabling smooth transitions for YP if new providers win the contract and TUPE of staff.

The providers of the SH Pathway are open to a six (6) month contract extension from 1st August 2022 to 31st January 2023. The value of the extension would be £581,511 as follows:

- £130,850 for the Assessment and Support Service contract
- £450,661 for the three (3) support contracts

Community Benefits

The existing Service Providers will be expected to maintain the Social Value benefits contained within their contracts over the period of the Contract extension.

Contract Ref & Title	HAC5296 Integrated Community Equipment Service		
Procurement Category:	Care and Commissioning	Contract Duration & Extensions:	5 Years + 1Year + 1 Year = 7 Years Total
One-Time / Recurrent	Recurrent	Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	£10,500,000		
Value Per Annum:	£1,500,000	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Statutory
Cost Code	30075	Budget	£1,500,000
Current annual value	£1,500,000	Revised Annual Contract	£1,500,000
Savings Annual Value	Not Applicable		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

The procurement activity will be led by the City of Westminster and will follow their Procurement Procedures to seek "best value" Framework solution and savings on behalf of the Consortium Members. Tower Hamlets Council intend to place a Call-Off Contract for the Community Equipment Service and will benefit proportionately from the overall savings arising from the re-procurement of the service.

Scope of Contract

In March 2019 the Council joined the London Community Equipment Consortium, after doing a full procurement study in 2018, which found joining a consortium would deliver savings and be cheaper to run than the in-house service at the time. The decision was taken at Cabinet on 26th September 2018 followed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16th October 2018 to outsource the Community Equipment service which had previously been delivered in-house. The Council achieved savings of £308,000 after mobilising the new contract and the service continues to be delivered within the reduced budget. The service is joint funded by the Council and CCG and the funding split is approximately 50/50.

It is planned to recommission Tower Hamlets Integrated Community Equipment Service contract to continue to ensure the provision of good quality equipment to support the health and social care needs of our residents in their homes. The current contract has been within budget each year despite growing demand and pressures through diligent contract management. The current provider Medequip is currently meeting it's key performance targets such as % of equipment delivered on time and collection credits which are improving year on year to date. It is proposed that the Council continues to collaborate across local government by remaining part of the 21 borough London Community Equipment Consortium and joins the re-procurement for a new seven-year contract to start in April 2023.

Contracting Approach

The London Community Equipment Consortium hosted and lead borough by City of Westminster Council and consequently the procurement activity will follow their governance and procurement procedures. This procurement activity is likely to be an open competitive tender through the Light Touch Regime (Public Contract Regulations 2015 as amended Regulations 74 to 77 for Social and other specific services listed in

Schedule 3.

This service will be commissioned through Tower Hamlets Council placing a Call-Off Contract for the Community Equipment requirements within the Borough once the City of Westminster has completed the procurement of the Framework Agreement.

Community Benefits

The statutory service is a benefit to the community by providing high quality, safe equipment to promote independent living or aid recovery to children, adults who may be disabled or recovering from illness/injury at home or discharged from hospital across a new six day / 12-hour service.

The contract will include a commitment to pay staff involved in service delivery the London Living Wage, move to an electric vehicle fleet to reduce carbon footprint, and improve air quality.

Social Value elements will be contained within the Framework Agreement as appropriate in accordance with the City of Westminster Council procurement procedures. Tower Hamlets Council will benefit from such Social Value provisions as they exist when the Call-Off Contract is commissioned.

Contract Ref & Title	P5814 Office Furniture Procurement		
Procurement Category:	Corporate	Contract Duration & Extensions:	1 Year + 1 Year + 1 Years = 3 Years Total
One-Time / Recurrent	Recurrent	Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	(Over the entire maximum contract period) £2m		
Value Per Annum:	£1.4m year 1 £300k year 2+3	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Non Statutory
Cost Code	Capital - 70270 Revenue – to be Advised	Budget	£1.4m (Capital) + £300k (Revenue)
Current annual value	£354,000 per Year	Revised Annual Contract	£300,000 per Year after 1 st year Capital Purchase for the New Town Hall spend
Savings Annual Value	Not Applicable		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

On average we spend approx. £354k per annum across a multiple number of cost codes on furniture supplies. By entering into a Furniture Supply Contract, we would envisage this cost to reduce to around £300k, but as this is across multiple team cost codes, this is not a guaranteed savings from a single cost code.

Scope of Contract

The project is to procure a furniture contract for the Council to use when purchasing furniture and in particular to assist in setting out our accommodation in our new Town Hall in light of new ways of working.

There will be a one-off order in 2022 to establish suitably furnished accommodation to support and facilitate new ways of working, including and primarily the fit-out of the new Town Hall. We estimate the 2022 budget to be maximum £1.4m, there will then be an average expenditure of £300k per annum across the remaining corporate property portfolio.

We are looking at a variety of combined solutions within this re-accommodation exercise including moving our existing high-quality furniture, upcycling existing furniture and installing new furniture across the corporate landlord buildings portfolio.

Contracting Approach

The contracting approach will be finalised in discussion with Corporate Procurement after completing the pre-sourcing activities which may include the analysis of the business need, market analysis / market engagement and development of the sourcing strategy. The procurement will be compliant with the Council's Procurement Procedures and The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended by the EU Exit Regulations 2020). The tender opportunity will be advertised as required by the Regulations and will appear on the London Tenders portal for the LBTH. It is anticipated these adverts will attract the interest of local service providers and afford them the opportunity to register and participate in the tendering process for this contract.

Initial indications are to procure via the Crown Commercial Services Government Framework.(Ref: RM6119)
This framework was considered to be the best route to market in terms of cost, suppliers and time but this will be confirmed later in the development of the procurement lifecycle analysis.

Community Benefits

Social Value will have 5% overall weighting in the tender evaluation process with the requirements being developed and defined during the preparation of the Tender Pack. This will include consideration of Social Value benefits that can reasonably be delivered within the proposed contract, importantly Environmental Sustainability in support of the 25 Year Environmental Plan (25YEP)

Contract Ref & Title	CS5808 Metal and Associated Works		
Procurement Category:	Corporate	Contract Duration & Extensions:	3 years plus 1
One-Time / Recurrent	One-Time	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	£2,800,000		
Value Per Annum:	£700,000	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Statutory
Cost Code	45150,45380,45331,45375,45362,28114	Budget	£2,800,000
Current annual value	£700,000 per Year	Revised Annual Contract	£700,000 per Year
Savings Annual Value	£35,000 er annum		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

The savings of 5% (approximately £140k) will be achieved through reduced revenue expenditure due to capital investment over the last four year

Scope of Contract

The objective of this project is the procurement of a contract for the provision of Metal and associated works throughout Tower Hamlets. Work would include repairs and replacements to metal fences, gates, benches, tree guards, handrails, etc.

The contract is being procured in collaboration with officers from other Directorates that require these services. Tower Hamlets currently maintain over 120 parks and open spaces throughout the borough including Mile End Park and Victoria Park

There is a need to procure this service to ensure that Tower Hamlets parks continue to undertake critical H&S works in accordance with BSI standards and good practice guidance There is also a need for Tower Hamlets to use this process as a best value review and ensure that high quality of repairs are undertaken. The procurement of this contract will be in line with all legislations, British and European Standards, sound and accepted best practice implicit in the Specifications and public/user health and safety.

This service was first procured in 2017 and it was proven that to provide a longer-term contract, which encouraged the successful bidders to commit resources to delivering good services, ensured that the commercial element of the tender is competitive. The contract will be procured in line with the Parks and Opens spaces strategy, and all relevant existing and future parks specific strategic documents in line with Green Flag best Practice standards.

Contracting Approach

The procurement process will be compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. The procurement approach will be developed in discussion with Corporate Procurement /Legal Services. The tender opportunity will be advertised as required

by the Regulations and will appear on the London Tenders portal for the LBTH. It is anticipated these adverts will attract the interest of local service providers and afford them the opportunity to register and participate in the tendering process for this contract.

Community Benefits

Social Value will have 5% overall weighting in the tender evaluation process with the requirements being developed and defined during the preparation of the Tender Pack. This will include consideration of Social Value benefits that can reasonably be delivered within the proposed contract.

The Council follows a policy of active consultation with the Community through liaison with tenants groups, residents associations, user groups, and its partner organisations. Its aims and objectives reflect this and are subject to change over time. It is anticipated that the re-procurement of this contract may offer the following community benefits:

- Employment opportunities for apprentices,
- Use of local suppliers where feasible
- Attendance at job fairs and employment seminars to offer advice and coaching.
- Community planting/volunteering days

As an example of the delivery of Social Value, the incumbent supplier recently undertook repairs at our adventure play areas and has worked at a number of community volunteering days to improve parks and open spaces free of charge as part of their community benefits initiative

Contract Ref & Title	P5811 - Diesel and HVO Fuel Supply		
Procurement Category:	Corporate Services	Contract Duration & Extensions:	3 Years + 1 Year + 1Year = 5 Years Total
One-Time / Recurrent	Recurrent	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	£3,750,000		
Value Per Annum:	£750,000	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Non Statutory
Cost Code	R3001.53150	Budget	£0.75 m per year = £3,750,000
Current annual value	£ 750,000 per Year	Revised Annual Contract	£750,000 per Year
Savings Annual Value	Not Applicable		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

The price of fuel is volatile owing to fluctuations in factors affecting supply and demand. The existing contract, due to end in March 2022, generated savings on projected spend last year. However, with increased demand for fuel as the world economy emerges from the pandemic the price has risen. External factors are very likely to influence diesel and other fuel prices in the future.

Scope of Contract

The scope of the contract is to source a reliable supply of diesel fuel for Council vehicles, and in addition seek a route to market for a new clean alternative, hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO). The Council made a substantial capital investment in new Fleet vehicles to operate the in-house Waste Service that began in March 2020. A requirement was included in the vehicle specifications to allow them to operate on HVO. This new fuel type would allow the existing fleet to operate with substantially reduced harmful exhaust emissions, without any modifications to the engine and exhaust systems.

Contracting Approach

Officers which to approach the open market to source a reliable supply of HVO for the best price. The Council has successfully sourced standard diesel oil through the Crown Commercial Service CCS Framework RM3801. The pricing mechanism for this procurement routes is based on the long-established Platt's Index, which in turn factors in fluctuations in the price of petroleum derived fuels. The price to be paid to suppliers is an aggregated figure for the Platt's Index for the week, plus margin added by the CCS and chosen supplier.

Hydrotreated vegetable oil is made from plant sources, so the pricing is not influence by fluctuations in the price of petroleum derived fuels. HVO fuel can now be sourced through suppliers on the CCS framework. However, the same Platts based pricing mechanism would be applied. Having consulted with other boroughs already using HVO, the option of a direct approach to the market was recommended.

It is recommended to make this a three-year initial contract, with the option of two x 1-year extensions. At this point the existing Waste Fleet vehicles would be due for renewal and further clean technology may be more developed.

The procurement process will be compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. The procurement approach will be developed in

discussion with Corporate Procurement. The tender opportunity will be advertised as required by the Regulations and will appear on the London Tenders portal for the LBTH. It is anticipated these adverts will attract the interest of local service providers and afford them the opportunity to register and participate in the tendering process for this contract.

Community Benefits

The use of HVO will make a direct impact on improving air quality in the Borough. The Council Fleet is of a significant size with 626710 litres of diesel fuel used to operate the Waste and Passenger Services vehicles last financial year.

The production process for HVO is based on refinement of 100% sustainable waste streams. The product is more stable than biodiesel made from FAME. It is a cleaner burning fuel than either standard diesel or derv. It has fewer harmful emissions than standard EN590 diesel: -

- Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) reduced by up to 30%
- Particulates (PM 25 and PM 10) reduced by up to 86%
- Carbon Dioxide (CO2) reduced by 90%

The use of HVO would have a direct community and environmental benefits.

The successful bidder will be required to submit economic and community benefits for local residents as part of the tender process. Social Value will have a 5% overall weighting in the tender evaluation process with the requirements being developed and defined during the preparation of the Tender Pack.

Contract Ref & Title	HAC5813 Founders House		
Procurement Category:	Care and Commissioning	Contract Duration & Extensions:	3 Years + 1 Year + 1 Year + 1 Year = 6 Years Total
One-Time / Recurrent	Recurrent	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	£5,099,686		
Value Per Annum:	£824,708	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Non Statutory
Cost Code	10600 R5500 A1593	Budget	£824.708
Current annual value	£824,708 per Year	Revised Annual Contract	£824,708 per Year
Savings Annual Value	Not Applicable – see below		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

Work is underway to develop a hostels commissioning strategy, which is expected to yield savings in 2022/23 and beyond. The expectation is that the strategy will be finalised, with recommendations approved by Spring 2022. This contract forms part of the current review and strategy recommendations. However, until that work has been concluded, officers are requesting authorisation to proceed with re-procurement at the current contract value, recognising that this may be subject to change once the strategy has been finalised.

Scope of Contract

This procurement is for the provision of Founders House, which is hostel provision supporting up to 123 vulnerable men at any one time, together with an additional 2 emergency bed space for use by the Council's rough sleeping outreach team, and an additional severe weather emergency placement space. This service is the largest hostel in the borough, and it is a core component of the council's approach to tackling and preventing homelessness. In doing so the service supports the delivery of several key strategic priorities including

- Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2018 -2023.
- Tower Hamlets Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2019 -2024
- Tower Hamlets Together Shared Outcomes Framework and the 2018 -2023 Tower Hamlets Partnership Plan.

Contracting Approach

The procurement process will be compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. The procurement approach will be developed in discussion with Corporate Procurement / Legal Services and where appropriate may include the provisions of Regulations 74 to 77 for Social and other specific services listed in Schedule 3 (Lite Touch Regime). The tender opportunity will be advertised as required by the Regulations and will appear on the London Tenders portal for the LBTH. It is anticipated these adverts will attract the interest of local service providers and afford them the opportunity to register and participate in the tendering process for this contract. The tender will invite bids from Service Providers with experience of supporting vulnerable men with complex needs.

As outlined above, the contract values noted within this Appendix 1 are based on current spend and may be subject to change dependent upon the outcome of the hostel's commissioning strategy. It is anticipated that the price will remain fixed for the first three years, with the opportunity to negotiate during the extension to incorporate and take account of LLW and inflationary pressures to ensure the sustainability and viability of the contract during the final years. The total contract value allows for up to a 3% uplift per annum for the final three years of the contract.

Community Benefits

In line with LBTHs Social Value Matrix, it is proposed at a 5% weight will be given to community benefit when assessing the submitted tenders, and the social benefit clause as outlined in the Social Value Matrix will be secured within the procurement process. Examples of Social Value that the Council may seek include local recruitment, job fairs and apprenticeships.

Contract Ref & Title	HAC5814 Riverside House		
Procurement Category:	Care and Commissioning	Contract Duration & Extensions:	3 Years + 1 Year + 1 Year + 1 Year = 6 Years Total
One-Time / Recurrent	Recurrent	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	£3,179,775		
Value Per Annum:	£514,225	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Non Statutory
Cost Code	10600 R5500 A1593	Budget	£514,225
Current annual value	£514,225 per Year	Revised Annual Contract	£514,225 per Year
Savings Annual Value	See below		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

Work is underway to develop a hostels commissioning strategy, which is expected to yield savings in 2022/23 and beyond. The expectation is that the strategy will be finalised, with recommendations approved by Spring 2022. This contract forms part of the current review and strategy recommendations. However, until that work has been concluded, officers are requesting authorisation to proceed with re-procurement at the current contract value, recognising that this may be subject to change once the strategy has been finalised.

Scope of Contract

This procurement is for the provision of Riverside House, which is hostel provision supporting up to 81 vulnerable women at any one time, together with an additional 2 emergency bed space for use by the Council's rough sleeping outreach team, and an additional severe weather emergency placement space. This is the only gender specific women's hostel in the borough, and it is a core component of the council's approach to tackling and preventing homelessness. In doing so the service supports the delivery of several key strategic priorities including

- Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2018 -2023.
- Tower Hamlets Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2019 -2024
- Tower Hamlets Together Shared Outcomes Framework and the 2018 -2023 Tower Hamlets Partnership Plan.

Contracting Approach

The procurement process will be compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. The procurement approach will be developed in discussion with Corporate Procurement / Legal Services and where appropriate may include the provisions of Regulations 74 to 77 for Social and other specific services listed in Schedule 3 (Lite Touch Regime). The tender opportunity will be advertised as required by the Regulations and will appear on the London Tenders portal for the LBTH. It is anticipated these adverts will attract the interest of local service providers and afford them the opportunity to register and participate in the tendering process for this contract.

The tender will invite bids from Service Providers with experience of supporting vulnerable women with

complex needs.

As outlined above, the contract values noted within this Appendix 1 are based on current spend and may be subject to change dependent upon the outcome of the hostel's commissioning strategy. It is anticipated that the price will remain fixed for the first three years, with the opportunity to negotiate during the extension to incorporate and take account of LLW and inflationary pressures to ensure the sustainability and viability of the contract during the final years. The total contract value allows for up to a 3% uplift per annum for the final three years of the contract.

Community Benefits

In line with LBTHs Social Value Matrix, it is proposed at a 5% weight will be given to community benefit when assessing the submitted tenders, and the social benefit clause as outlined in the Social Value Matrix will be secured within the procurement process. Examples of Social Value that the Council may seek include local recruitment, job fairs and apprenticeships.

Contract Ref & Title	HAC5815 Extra Care Supported Housing (ECSH)		
Procurement Category:	Care and Commissioning	Contract Duration & Extensions:	3 Years + 1 Year + 1 Year + 1 Year + 1 Year = 7 Years Total
One-Time / Recurrent	Recurrent	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	£24,316,589		
Value Per Annum:	£ 3,326,876	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Statutory
Cost Code	Various	Budget	£3,327,000
Current annual value	£3,232,064 per Year	Revised Annual Contract	£3,326,876 per Year
Savings Annual Value	Not Applicable		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

Work is underway to review the capacity of bed-based care for older people to inform strategic work going forward. This contract forms part of the current review and until that work has been concluded, officers are requesting authorisation to proceed with re-procurement at the current contract value, recognising that this may be subject to change once the strategy has been finalised.

Scope of Contract

There are 214 units of accommodation based in 6 ECSH schemes in the borough which support a broad range of vulnerable people assessed by Adult Social Care as requiring care and support and in need of accommodation. In doing so this promotes independence and allows people to be in control of their lifestyle in their own home environment, the accommodation provided being self-contained flats. The accommodation was initially developed to meet the needs of the older population, however, during the lifetime of the last contract the care and support provider together with the landlords of 5 of the 6 buildings agreed that access could be broadened and be based upon the need for care and relaxed the age criteria, enabling many more people to access the provision.

The contract is for the provision of care and support to tenants, which is available 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. The provider is required to be registered with the Care Quality Commission for the provision of domiciliary care, as they will deliver support on site to people living in their own homes. The provider will deliver an initial 3 hours of care to each tenant, who can then choose who provides any further hours of care required. The contact value also includes the provision of a quality premium for the delivery of activities in each scheme totalling 105 hours per week across the six schemes, to reduce loneliness and promote the health and wellbeing of the tenants.

This contract is aligned to the Adult Social Care Strategy 2021 as it helps to ensure there is a range of options available to people who need housing with care, reflecting the different needs and preferences people have and giving them choice as to who provides the care.

Contracting Approach

The procurement process will be compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. The procurement approach will be developed in discussion with Corporate Procurement / Legal Services and where appropriate may include the provisions of Regulations 74 to 77 for Social and other specific services listed in Schedule 3 (Lite Touch Regime). The tender opportunity will be advertised as required by the Regulations and will appear on the London Tenders portal for the LBTH. It is anticipated these adverts will attract the interest of local service providers and afford them the opportunity to register and participate in the tendering process for this contract. The tender will invite bids from service providers with experience of providing extra care and supporting vulnerable people in need of care.

The value of the extension and subsequent procurement is listed as the current projected annual contract value. These values may be increased prior to the award and procurement exercise to incorporate LLW and inflationary rises throughout the lifetime of the contract. They will remain fixed for the first three years, with the opportunity to negotiate during the extension to maintain the sustainability and viability of the contract during future years. The total contract value allows for up to a 3% uplift per annum for the final four years of the contract.

Community Benefits

In line with LBTHs Social Value Matrix, it is proposed at a 5% weight will be given to community benefit when assessing the submitted tenders, and the social benefit clause as outlined in the Social Value Matrix will be secured within the procurement process. Examples of Social Value that the Council may seek include local recruitment, job fairs and apprenticeships.

Contract Ref & Title	P5809 General Build MTC Corporate Contract		
Procurement Category:	Construction & FM	Contract Duration & Extensions:	Up to 5 Years (60 months)
One-Time / Recurrent	Recurrent	Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	£7-£8m		
Value Per Annum:	£1.4-£1.6m	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Non Statutory
Cost Code	281144, 28116	Budget	Up to £8m
Current annual value	£1.2 - £1.3m per Year	Revised Annual Contract	£1.6m per Year
Savings Annual Value	Not Applicable – see below		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

No proposed savings as term contract using schedule of rates and labour and material prices increased.

Scope of Contract

This procurement will provide the Council with a single Contractor to provide a comprehensive building fabric works and reactive repair service for the Council's corporate buildings and parks infrastructure. This service is critical to ensure that the Council has safe and efficient buildings to serve residents and for staff to work from.

The value of the contract is £1.4m - £1.6m per annum and the proposed term is up to 5 years. The length of contract reflects the Council desire to share knowledge and build a relationship with the contractor but is short enough to provide the Council with a degree of flexibility as the transition to the new Town Hall in Whitechapel takes place. The length of contract and value will also ensure that the Contract is attractive to a range of SME and national bidders and should not exclude any part of the market.

The contract for corporate buildings and parks infrastructure will deliver day to day works, reactive maintenance, small projects, and statutory compliance checks. Activities would typically include unblocking toilets, tarmac and pathway repairs, replacement of windows and roof repairs and brickwork repairs and refurbishment projects. The contract will also provide for works associated with the Council's net zero carbon target. All Council operated buildings and parks infrastructure such as pavements and fences are in scope.

A well developed and clear specification and price matrix will ensure the Facilities Management service can drive value for money through the procurement process and ensure that a competent contractor is appointed that shares the Council's values and is committed to delivering a high quality and responsive service.

The social value and community benefits will encourage and measure the use of local supply chain through KPI's and targets. The social value part of the procurement will seek commitment to local projects and supporting other Council led schemes such as work experience and placement opportunities.

The maintenance market in London remains buoyant and attracting a good range of companies to bid for work remains challenging. It is believed that by developing a medium-term contract and being transparent with the

anticipated volume of servicing and maintenance will help encourage companies to bid. There will be mailshots and market warming through phone calls and word of mouth. A bidder briefing session is being considered, and further feedback from procurement will be sought in this regard and in consideration with any guidance on COVID restrictions.

Contracting Approach

The procurement process will be compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. The procurement approach and contracting arrangements will be developed in discussion with Corporate Procurement / Legal Services. The tender opportunity will be advertised as required by the Regulations and will appear on the London Tenders portal for the LBTH. It is anticipated these adverts will attract the interest of local service providers and afford them the opportunity to register and participate in the tendering process for this contract.

The proposed contract will have no commitment value or guaranteed value of work as the works and services will be commissioned as and when required. There will be no exclusivity arrangement with the Supplier awarded the contract.

The initial proposal under consideration is to appoint a single provider that can deliver all the requirements set out in the specification. Local SME's will be targeted as part of the market warming process.

Community Benefits

The successful bidder will be required to submit economic and community benefits for local residents as part of the tender process. Social Value will have a 5% overall weighting in the tender evaluation process with the requirements being developed and defined during the preparation of the Tender Pack.

Examples of Social Value that the Council may seek to set up KPI's in relation to the following-

- promote employment and economic sustainability – tackle unemployment and facilitate the development of skills
- raise the living standards of local residents – pay the London living wage, maximise employee access to entitlements such as childcare and encourage suppliers to source labour from within Tower Hamlets
- promote environmental sustainability – reduce wastage, limit energy consumption, and procure materials from sustainable sources

Apprenticeships and Employment Targets:

- New, continued, and finished apprenticeships
- 16 years and over work experience placements.
- Jobs advertised through (Local Labour and Business Scheme)
- Job Starts

Upskilling the local workforce:

- Accredited and non-accredited training for individuals working in the supply chain

Local Business:

- Pre-qualification questionnaires completed by Tower Hamlets-based businesses
- Value of business contracts secured by local businesses

Contract Ref & Title	R5812 New Electronic Home Care Monitoring (EHCM) system for Homecare including a rostering system for Reablement		
Procurement Category:	Corporate	Contract Duration & Extensions:	4 Years + 1 Years + 1 Years +1 Years + 1 Years = 8_ Years Total
One-Time / Recurrent	One-Time	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	Up to £2,400,000		
Value Per Annum:	Up to £300,000	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Non Statutory
Cost Code	TBC From Finance	Budget	TBC From Finance
Current annual value	New Requirement	Revised Annual Contract	Up to £300,000 per Year
Savings Annual Value	Not Applicable		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

This is not a continuation of an existing services as the previous EHCM was discontinued approx. 2 years ago. This system is an investment which will support the management of the new Home Care Contract when they start in August 2022. System will support the monitoring of the Service Providers and an accurate payment process.

Scope of Contract

Domiciliary and Personal Care Services are commissioned as a key means of meeting the Councils Statutory duties to provide services under Community Care Law.

The current Domiciliary and Personal Care Contracts in Tower Hamlets are due to come to an end on 6th August 2022. Work is underway to re-procure these contracts with a focus on coproduction and an outcomes-based approach.

The new contracts could have a contract length of up to nine years (dependent on market feedback) as such the total cost of the contract will be up to £252,198,000 for adults and up to £6,300,000 for children, plus additional provision for Ethical Care Charter considerations, London Living Wage and CP1 index inflation.

Part of this work includes looking at the requirements for an Electronic Home Care Monitoring (EHCM) system. There is currently no payment system in place, and a lot of work has taken place to reconcile the payment of providers in the current contract. This reconciliation has been a costly, time consuming exercise. While this has been a success it is recognised that this is not a long-term solution.

A new EHCM system is also linked into ASC transformation strategy and workstreams 1 and 3 * which makes it a priority project.

Previous work in this area identified the Councils high level requirements as follows:

At a high level the council requires a system that will:

- Meet the rostering needs of the in-house reablement team;
- Allow for the 'end-to-end' purchase-to-pay process to be managed electronically for the home care providers;

- Interface with Mosaic (this is the Councils Social Care Management System) and also possibly the Councils Finance System (Agresso).
- Explore provider access to the system that strengthens the end-to-end experience

Contracting Approach

The procurement process will be compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. The procurement approach and contracting arrangements will be developed in discussion with Corporate Procurement / Legal Services. The tender opportunity will be advertised as required by the Regulations and will appear on the London Tenders portal for the LBTH. It is anticipated these adverts will attract the interest of local service providers and afford them the opportunity to register and participate in the tendering process for this contract. The preferred route is to purchase services from an existing framework. Officers are currently engaged in market research in order to confirm the procurement route that will provide the Council with the best value.

Community Benefits

Social Value will have 5% overall weighting in the tender evaluation process with the requirements being developed and defined during the preparation of the Tender Pack. This will include consideration of Social Value benefits that can reasonably be delivered within the proposed contract.

Funding

Initial funding will be requested via a capital bid request through the Digital Portfolio Board. Ongoing revenue costs will be charged to general fund budgets. Costs will be finalised through the tender process.

*These workstreams can be found in the ASC transformation strategy.

Contract Ref & Title	P5783 Council Fleet – Electric Vehicle Procurement		
Procurement Category:	Corporate Services	Contract Duration & Extensions:	Not Applicable - Purchases
One-Time / Recurrent	One-Time	Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	£4.5m		
Value Per Annum:	N/A	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Non Statutory
Cost Code	Capital cost centre and project codes to be confirmed	Budget	£4.5 million
Current annual value	Not Applicable	Revised Annual Contract	Not Applicable
Savings Annual Value	£ 405K per annum		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

Savings of approximately £2.84 million could be delivered from the reduced operating costs of electric vehicles over a 7-year operational life span. Estimates are based on a reduction in cost of vehicles being purchased rather than leased, from a reduction in fuel costs (associated with cheaper costs of electricity when compared to diesel) and from a reduction in annual maintenance costs.

Scope of Contract

This procurement involves the purchase of electric vehicles, in particular mopeds, cars and light commercial vehicles. Up to 117 vehicles are in scope for replacement. However, the council is looking to reduce the size of its fleet where possible and is reviewing vehicle use across all council departments and services. At this time the exact numbers of vehicles that will be procured are unknown.

The procurement of electric vehicles (EV's) for use by council services supports delivery of outcomes required as part of the council's strategic plan to improve air quality and reduce carbon emissions.

- To deliver the Air Quality Action Plan and initiatives to prevent pre-COVID 19 levels of air quality
- To promote use of cleaner fuel types amongst residents and businesses
- To deliver the council's Net Zero Carbon action plan and work with residents and partners to cut carbon emissions across the borough

Contracting Approach

It is proposed to purchase replacement electric vehicles using capital funding, either through prudential borrowing or CIL funding. This will reduce costs compared to current leasing arrangements and help deliver savings over the operational life of these new electric vehicles.

The procurement process will be compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. The procurement approach and contracting arrangements will be developed in discussion with Corporate Procurement /Legal Services. The tender opportunity will be advertised as required by the Regulations and will appear on the London Tenders portal for the LBTH. It is anticipated these adverts will attract the interest of local service providers and

afford them the opportunity to register and participate in the tendering process for this contract.

Initial considerations for this procurement are to use the Crown Commercial Vehicle frameworks:

- RM6060 Electric Vehicle Purchase.
- RM3814 Vehicle Conversions DPS, providing for more specialist vehicle requirements needed by council services.

RM3814 and RM6060 are valid framework until 2024, leaving more than enough time to complete the procurement.

Similar frameworks are expected to be available for use in time to complete this procurement if necessary, such as TPPL HCC1811097, or YPL Framework, Alternative Fuelled Vehicles DPS – 1066.

Community Benefits

Social Value will have 5% overall weighting in the tender evaluation process with the requirements being developed and defined during the preparation of the Tender Pack. This will include consideration of Social Value benefits that can reasonably be delivered within the proposed contract.

Contract Ref & Title	AHS5187 Extension of the current Specialist Smoking Cessation contract for a period of 8 months		
Procurement Category:	Health and Social Care	Contract Duration & Extensions:	Extension of an existing Contract 8 months from 1 st August 2022 to 31 st March 2023
One-Time / Recurrent	One-Time	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	£206,666.67 for 8 months		
Value Per Annum:	£310,000	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Non Statutory
Cost Code	R5602 37010 A2943	Budget	£310,000
Current annual value	£310,000 per Year	Revised Annual Contract	£310,000 per Year
Savings Annual Value	Not Applicable		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

Not applicable.

Though the level of smoking in Tower Hamlets has decreased significantly in past years, but it continues to remain above the regional and national average levels. The following factors have been considered, with the aim to continue achieving the set target for quits:

- The prices on the rise since the contract started in 2017, including living costs, staff salaries, premises costs, equipment consumables e.g. CO monitor and mouth pieces, pharmacotherapy Inc. NRT products costs
- Financial viability for the supplier to continue delivering a high-quality effective smoking cessation service locally

Though no savings, the tobacco cessation service is highly cost-effective, and will save smoking-attributable economic costs to society.

Scope of Contract

Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) was awarded the contract for specialist smoking cessation (3+2 years) starting from 1st August 2017. The contract is due to expire on 31st July 2022.

We are seeking approval of waiving the constitutional requirement to go out to market and utilise the extension to the existing contract. An extension of the existing contract for a period of 8 months (1st August 2022- 31st March 2023) is required to maintain continuity of service, while we are intending to procure a prime supplier to implement the integrated model of service delivery from 1st April 2023, aligning multiple contractual arrangements to simplify administration and ensure consistent quality.

- Reason for the contract extension

Given that the landscape for tobacco cessation service delivery has changed including system-wide developments, and collaborations between Public Health and the NHS partners around service provision must be flexible to the system-wide developments, Public Health has proposed the integrated model of service

delivery, with a Prime Supplier to be responsible for all aspects of service delivery and performance.

This will integrate the following contractual arrangements into one procurement:

- AHS5187 Specialist Tobacco Cessation Service
- HAC5265 Tobacco cessation service in community pharmacies
- HAC5306A Nicotine Replacement Therapy Framework

Discussion was carried out with the local pharmaceutical committee (LPC) lead regarding bringing the provision by community pharmacies into the integrated model which would be managed by the Prime Supplier. The feedback was positive as long as we would be explicit with the successful provider about the use of community pharmacy.

Also, the proposed integrated service model was presented to 14 representatives from nine potential suppliers at the pre-tender market engagement event on 2nd December 2021, and there's a high level of market interest in the integrated model compared to procuring specialist and community pharmacies separately. The integrated model (the whole system approach) would enable connectivity of pathways and ensure cohesive service delivery and consistent quality, achieving better health outcomes for local residents.

As the contract expiry dates for above services differ, the approval on the extension of contract AHS5187 will allow the alignment of joint procurements as noted. Legal and procurement advice has been sought.

If rejected, this would result in re-procuring the same service (specialist tobacco cessation service separately) probably with little market interest based on the learning from the last procurement in 2017 and limited improvements on service delivery, which would not be a viable option.

▪ Performance of the existing supplier

The specialist smoking cessation service is to achieve the Corporate's quit targets, reducing the number of local tobacco users in Tower Hamlets, especially among priority groups (e.g. young people, pregnant women, COPD, mental health/severe mental illness, BAME, routine and manual workers).

The current service delivered by QMUL had made improvements since it started in 2017 by increasing its quits year by year before the pandemic. During the pandemic, the service still managed to support 961 smokers to quit, and has been on track to achieve the target for 2021/22.

	QDS	Successful Quits	Quit Rate	Quits target	% of target
2017/18 (from 01/08/17)	852	563	66.1%	867	64.9%
2018/19	1844	1207	65.5%	1300	92.8%
2019/20	2009	1261	62.8%	1150	109.7%
2020/21	1460	961	65.8%	1150	83.6%

▪ Key strategy and policy commitments

- Smoke-free generation: tobacco control plan for England - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
- Council's strategic plan 2021-24. Priority 1: People are aspirational, independent and have equal access to opportunities. Outcome 3: people access joined-up services when they need them and feel healthier and more independent.

Contracting Approach

The value of the contract extension is above the threshold value of £189,000 for a Record of a Corporate Director Action and therefore it must be referred to Cabinet for a decision.

It is proposed that the current contract be extended for a period of eight months, from 1st August 2022 to 31st March 2023. There are no requirements for additional funding, and the costs will be funded within the existing

public health healthy adults revenue budgets.

Community Benefits

The existing supplier (Queen Mary University of London, QMUL) will continue stimulating the local community benefits as noted in their quality statements:

- QMUL has the 'Start up Internships' to support local businesses and improve professional development of students and graduates.
- QMUL is committed to give back to the local community and employ and train residents in Tower Hamlets. QMUL offers support to 'Work Path' the Tower Hamlets employment service and has agreed to support people back in to work. They have space for 4 fully funded six-month placements per year.
- QMUL utilises extra support for campaign and recruitment throughout the year. The Queen Mary Dental Students Union requires students to offer 10 hours of their time for free to local organisations. The service is one of the venues for students to offer time in group sessions and campaigns.
- Short term student volunteers are encouraged to join throughout the year to attend outreach events such as Stoptober, New Year's Campaign and Ramadan.

Contract Ref & Title	HAC5750 Mental Health Supported Living Services		
Procurement Category:	Health and Social Care	Contract Duration & Extensions:	12-month extension of an existing contract
One-Time / Recurrent	One-Time	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	Extension value: £1,274,932 plus uplift to be negotiated		
Value Per Annum:	£1,274,932	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Non-statutory
Cost Code	R5600-33201-A2559	Budget	£6.374,655m
Current annual value	£1,274,932 per Year	Revised Annual Contract	£1,274,932 per Year plus uplift to be negotiated
Savings Annual Value	This contract is linked to 2 annual savings targets totalling £571,286		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

Savings target of £571,286 to be delivered through repatriation of out of Borough placements, these placements will be transferred to units under this contract.

This Appendix 1 follows on from the submissions within the Quarter 1 Contracts Forward Plan which resulted in a contract end date of 31st March 2022 and was approved by Cabinet on 28 July 2021.

A further contract extension is now being sought due to the volume of concurrent procurements (due to corresponding end dates and pre-procurement and tendering activities timelines) requiring competitive public tenders across the Council's Health and Social Care Directorate and this Appendix 1 is being represented in Q4 Contracts forward plan for Cabinet consideration and approval. Additional funding will be required due to increased sector costs including increases to London Living Wage, and additional funding granted for the extension will be required to be added to the new contract also.

Scope of Contract

The Scope of Services under the existing contract will be delivered for a further 12-month period to maintain the Council's Statutory Duties to the Tower Hamlets residents.

This will allow the Service to develop the future Scope of Services which are intended for service users with a mental ill-health. With an emphasis on supporting the transition for service users who may have had a significant admission to institutional care, the services will have a strong focus on supporting service users with their journey towards recovery and independence. The services will provide support that is tailored and flexible and delivered in accordance with individual's needs to service users who are subject to a Care Act assessment upon admission, to assist them to develop and maintain maximum levels of independence.

Comprised of 7 contracts delivered across 12 buildings, the accommodation based sector delivers two distinct functions; high support and step down provision.

1. High support function, delivering intensive one to one support enabling service users to transition from institutional care, manage their mental wellbeing including use of medication, enhance their daily living skills,

build resilience and attain their individual recovery goals, developing their knowledge, life skills and ability to sustain a tenancy.

2. Step-down function; enabling service users to take positive risks around tenancy management including independent management of finances, sustaining a habitable environment, self-medicating and engaging in vocational activities albeit with minimal continued support preparing them to live independently in the community.

The sector contains 128 high support units and 63 step-down units.

The services are required to ensure there is a psychological and physical distinction between the high support and move on/stepdown units ensuring that staff and service users are able to clearly identify the step down schemes as a step on their journey along the pathway to greater independence. The emphasis of the service is on preparing individuals to move on to independence and from the outset of an individual's tenancy the focus of the support is on preparing them for their journey of independence over an agreed period of time. Generally up to 2 years in high support and 2 years in step down facility. A support service is provided 24 hours a day 365 days per year with tailored flexible support delivered in accordance with need

The future contract services will help achieve the Tower Hamlets Health and Well-being Board's vision for improving outcomes for people with mental health problems in the borough and takes a life course approach considering how the population can be supported to be mentally healthy "from cradle to grave". Outcomes for these services will demonstrate the 6 shared objectives of the strategy which are:-

1. More people will have good mental health
2. More people with mental health problems will recover
3. More people with mental health problem will have good physical health
4. More people will have a positive experience of care and support
5. Fewer people will suffer avoidable harm
6. Fewer people will experience stigma and discrimination.

Contracting Approach

There is work ongoing to procure a new contract through an compliant process, however this has experienced substantial delays. A 12-month contract extension is requested (from 01/04/22 to 31/03/23) to enable this procurement process to take place allowing for a minimum necessary transition and mobilisation period. Whilst a 12-month extension period is being sought, the contract award will take place as soon as is possible and only the required extension period will be utilised. This extension will also require an uplift due to increased sector costs including increases to London Living Wage, and additional funding granted for the extension will be required to be added to the new contract budget.

The value of the contract extension is above the threshold value of £189,000 for a Record of a Corporate Director Action and therefore it must be referred to Cabinet for a decision.

Any increase on the Budget due to contract negotiations is to be agreed by the Corporate Director for Finance in conjunction with the Corporate Director for Health, Adults and Community.

Community Benefits

In line with the Council's policy, the service providers will continue to include in their policies a commitment to:

- Ensuring accessibility for all eligible service users with due respect to their culture and religion
- Ensuring acceptance by local community leaders and that they are fully informed about our services and supportive of them
- employing people with mental health problems in their service;
- employing Tower Hamlets residents in their service

Contract Ref & Title	HAC5751 Independent Mental Health Advocacy		
Procurement Category:	Health and Social Care	Contract Duration & Extensions:	12-month extension to an existing contract: 01/04/22 to 31/03/23
One-Time / Recurrent	One-Time	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	£206,488 LBTH value £129,244 CCG contribution £77,244 plus uplift if required		
Value Per Annum:	£206,488 LBTH value = £129,244 CCG Value = £77,244	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Statutory
Cost Code	R5600-33201-A2103	Budget	£206,488
Current annual value	£206,488	Revised Annual Contract	£206,488
Savings Annual Value	Not Applicable		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

This contract has delivered £70,000 direct savings to the local authority achieved in 2019/2020 reducing the Local Authority funding contribution by 10% from 72% to 62% of the total contract value. This request for an extension to the existing contract will allow time to prepare for the re-procurement with additional value of money will be achieved through specification remodeling to enable the IMHA service to meet increasing demands and continue to deliver a high-quality statutory advocacy support.

This Appendix 1 follows on from the submissions within the Quarter 1 Contracts Forward Plan which resulted in a contract end date of 31st March 2022 which was approved by Cabinet on 28 July 2021.

A further contract extension is now being sought due to the volume of concurrent procurements (due to corresponding end dates and pre-procurement and tendering activity timelines) requiring competitive public tenders across the Council's Health and Social Care Directorate and this Appendix 1 is being represented in Q4 Contracts forward plan for Cabinet consideration and approval.

Scope of Contract

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) in partnership with NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group (THCCG) require a high quality, Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA) service to meet the councils statutory duties under section 43 of the health and social care act 2012: to make arrangements to enable 'independent mental health advocates' to be available to support qualifying patients in accordance with section 130A of the Mental Health Act (as amended), deliver care act advocacy and a non-statutory inclusive mental health advocacy service (MHAS) for people with mental ill-health in Tower Hamlets.

The Scope of Services under the existing contract will be delivered for a further 12-month period to maintain the Council's Statutory Duties to the Tower Hamlets residents.

This will allow the Service to develop the future Scope of Services which involves supporting qualifying patients to obtain information about and understand the following key services:

- Their rights under the Mental Health Act and how they can be exercised.
- The rights which other people (e.g. nearest relatives) have in relation to them under the Act.
- The particular parts of the Act which apply to them (e.g. the basis on which they are detained) and which therefore make them eligible for advocacy.
- Any conditions or restrictions to which they are subject (e.g. as a condition of leave of absence from hospital, as a condition of a community treatment order, or as a condition of conditional discharge)
- Any medical treatment that they are receiving or might be given, the reasons for that treatment (or proposed treatment), the legal authority for providing that treatment, and the safeguards and other requirements of the Act which would apply to that treatment.
- The requirements of the Act which apply, or would apply, in connection with the giving of the treatment.
- Their rights under the Care Act 2014.
- Help by way of representation in exercising these rights.

The future contract will help achieve the Tower Hamlets Health and Well-being Board's vision for improving outcomes for people with mental health problems in the borough and takes a life course approach considering how the population can be supported to be mentally healthy "from cradle to grave". Outcomes for these services will demonstrate the 6 shared objectives of the strategy which are:-

1. More people will have good mental health
2. More people with mental health problems will recover
3. More people with mental health problem will have good physical health
4. More people will have a positive experience of care and support
5. Fewer people will suffer avoidable harm
6. Fewer people will experience stigma and discrimination.

The Advocacy Service has demonstrated it plays a critical role in enabling people with mental health problems to maximise independence and minimise long term dependence by focusing on their abilities and increasing their control to make appropriate decisions in their treatment and care arrangements. The Service, therefore, helps to address the wider agenda on health inequalities and will provide support and help to people eligible for an advocacy service from either the CCG or the Council in Tower Hamlets.

The service will primarily benefit service users through the provision of structured person advocacy to enable them to navigate mainstream health care. Residents could benefit from employment/training opportunities offered or funded by potential providers.

Contracting Approach

There is work ongoing to procure a new contract through a compliant process, however this has experienced substantial delays.

A 12-month contract extension is requested (from 01/04/22 to 31/03/23) to enable this procurement process to take place allowing for a minimum necessary transition and mobilisation period. Whilst a 12-month extension period is being sought, the contract award will take place as soon as is possible and only the required extension period will be utilised. This extension may also require an uplift due to increased sector costs since the last contract was awarded.

The value of the contract extension is above the threshold value of £189,000 for a Record of a Corporate Director Action and therefore it must be referred to Cabinet for a decision.

Any increase on the Budget due to contract negotiations is to be agreed by the Corporate Director for Finance

in conjunction with the Corporate Director for Health, Adults and Community.

Community Benefits

In line with the Council's policy, the service providers will continue to include in their policies a commitment to:

- Ensuring accessibility for all eligible service users with due respect to their culture and religion
- Ensuring acceptance by local community leaders and that they are fully informed about our services and supportive of them
- Employing people with mental health problems in their service;
- Employing Tower Hamlets residents in their service

Contract Ref & Title	HAC5739 – Learning Disability Supported Living Scheme 1		
Procurement Category:	Care and Commissioning	Contract Duration & Extensions:	Future Contract Update 3 Years + 1 Year + 1 Year = 5 Years Total Request for an additional Extension on the existing Contract (2 months previously authorised and now seeking an additional 7-month period)
One-Time / Recurrent	Recurrent	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves <input type="checkbox"/> NHS CCG
Value Total:	Future Contract Update £3,200,000 - £5,200,000 Existing Contract 9-month Extension - £449,000		
Value P/A:	£602,493- £981,171	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Statutory
Cost Code	R5600-30183-A2559	Budget	£640,000 (LD Block Commissioning Support) + £400,000 (CLDS operational budget)
Current value	£581,171	Revised Annual Contract	£640,000 - £1,040,000 The final value will be set at the level of current spot purchased provision at the point of commencement to a maximum of an additional £400k. (currently £340k)
Savings Annual Value	Not Applicable		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

No savings will be delivered in this Appendix 1 request to extend an existing contract.

Future Contract Update

This Appendix 1 follows on from the submissions within the Quarter 3 Contracts Forward Plan which sought approval to amalgamate contracts HAC5739 and HAC5740 and incorporate additional budget allowances for inclusion of London Living Wage and inflation. Approval to extend the contract by 2 months was also requested.

These approvals were agreed by Cabinet on 24 November 2021.

Due to the volume of concurrent procurements (due to corresponding end dates and pre procurement and tendering activities timelines) requiring competitive public tenders across the Council's Health and Social Care Directorate a further contract extension is being sought and this Appendix 1 is represented in Q4 Contracts forward plan for Cabinet consideration and approval. Additional funding will be required due to increased sector costs including increases to London Living Wage and additional funding granted for the extension will be required to be added to the new contract also.

The potential to deliver savings will be determined when finalising the overall contracting model. This will be

informed by an appraisal of potential models and the availability of specialist buildings / adapted buildings to deliver the Learning Disability Supported Living Services. Opportunities for savings will be sought from the provision of fewer and more efficient contract models alongside the introduction of a formal contracted approach to outreach support for people with a learning disability. This approach will apply to the following contracts: HAC5739, HAC5787 and HAC5741.

However, it is noted that due to the contract incorporating a number of accommodation-based 24-hour support services for adults with a learning disability, the requirement to both maintain 24-hour staffing ratios and ensure LLW is applied means the potential to deliver efficiencies is limited. It is also noted that whilst delivery of direct savings may be challenging, the continuation of these schemes will support delivery of the HAC Supporting Independence programme savings of £700k.

Notes:

The value total and value per annum figures indicated above include additional spot spend that may be incorporated into this contract from the CLDS operational budget and for which definitive hours and costs will be considered and defined prior to tender.

Contract Values were uplifted in 2021/22. Further uplifts will be needed for reasons indicated within this Appendix 1 for the contract envelope and during 2022/23.

Scope of Contract

The Extension of the Existing Contract

The existing Service Provider will continue to deliver the Scope of Services for the extended period of the contract.

The Future Contract Requirements

The procurement process will seek the provision of up to 25 units of supported accommodation for people currently living in 4 separate locations in the borough. The contract will incorporate a number of accommodation-based 24-hour support service facilities for adults with a learning disability as well as the provision of one-to-one outreach support services delivered into individual homes and within the community. Referrals into services will be from the Tower Hamlets Community Learning Disability Service (CLDS).

The Service Provider will deliver life skills development support to prepare people to move on to more independent accommodation with less support when they are ready and able to do so. This service will also support individuals within supported living settings and community outreach support.

Through the delivery of supported accommodation and outreach support that is safe and effective, the service will focus on the enablement and maximising of independence for adults with learning disability that assists people to participate in community life. In doing so preventing the unnecessary use of more institutional forms of care.

Contracting Approach

The Extension of the Existing Contract

This Appendix 1 submission is to seek authorisation to extend an existing contract for a further period of 7 months. Cabinet has previously authorised a 2-month extension to the existing contract making a total contract extension period of up to 9 months.

The Scope of Services under the existing contract will be with the for up to a further 9-month period to maintain the Council's Statutory Duties to the Tower Hamlets Residents.

The value of the contract extension is above the threshold value of £189,000 for a Record of a Corporate Director Action and therefore it must be referred to Cabinet for a decision.

Any increase on the Budget due to contract negotiations is to be agreed by the Corporate Director for Finance in conjunction with the Corporate Director for Health, Adults and Community prior to final agreement.

The Future Contract Requirements

Opportunities to have fewer and more efficient contract models will be explored, alongside the introduction of

a formal contracted approach to provide outreach support for people with a learning disability. This approach will apply to the following contracts: HAC5739, HAC5787, and HAC5741.

The tender will offer a 3 plus 1 plus 1 contract (3+1+1) to give both stability to service users and providers and facilitate changes that focus on meeting future as well as current need. Tendering options will be explored with Procurement to determine the best approach for securing bids from service providers with experience of supporting service users with Learning Disabilities. A supplier event will be held to allow bidders to seek clarification and guidance on the tender process, once determined and their submission. A market engagement will also occur to warm the market to approach, identify what approach may work to encourage best bids, get feedback on specification, payment approach, KPI's etc.

It is the intention to have a single procurement exercise where contracts HAC5739 and HAC5741 will be tendered together as lots. There is a possibility that HAC5787 may also be included within this procurement exercise and the practicalities of this will be explored with Procurement.

To bring the contract in line with the contract end for HAC5741 (HAC5741 and HAC5739 are being tendered together) an extension of 7 months to contracts AHS5141 and AHS5144 is being requested from 1st September 2022 to 31st March 2023. This equates to a cost of £351,454 (Please note that existing contracts AHS5141 and AHS5144 will be merged when the contracts are retendered and will be known as HAC5739 when retendered). Whilst a 7-month extension is being sought this will only be used in the event that overwhelmed procurement timetables mean we are unable to tender these services within planned timeframes and only the required extension period will be utilised. This 7-month period includes an uplift in payment due to 2022/23 London Living Wage and inflation increases. The extension will allow for the continuation of the service and safeguard of service users, providing the necessary statutory level of care they require.

To deliver the Council's commitment to meet London Living Wage requirements, Social Care Charter Commitments and take account of inflationary pressures which may impact the sustainability and viability of the contract during future years, an annual uplift at a maximum of 2% year on year has been included within the overall envelope for the five period. This envelope will be set prior to procurement commencing and will be based on a corporate approach to contracts of this type.

Community Benefits

The Extension of the Existing Contract

In line with the Council's policy, the service providers will continue to deliver the Social Value benefits contained within their existing contract.

The Future Contract Requirements

Social Value will have 5% overall weighting in the tender evaluation process with the requirements being developed and defined during the preparation of the Tender Pack. This will include consideration of Social Value benefits that can reasonably be delivered within the proposed contract.

Contract Ref & Title	HAC5741: Tower Hamlets Learning Disability Service		
Procurement Category:	Care and Commissioning	Contract Duration & Extensions:	Future Contract Update 3 Years + 1 Year + 1 Year = 5 Years Total Request for an extension on the existing Contract for 9 months
One-Time / Recurrent	Recurrent	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	Future Contract Update £1,733,165 - £3,070,840 Existing Contract 9-Month Extension £288,600		
Value Per Annum:	£384,800 - £652,335	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Statutory
Cost Code	R5600-30183-A2559 CLDS cost code tbc	Budget	£408,513 (LD block Commissioning Support) + £267,535 (CLDS spot purchase budget)
Current annual value	£346,633 per Year	Revised Annual Contract	£408,513 - £676,046 per Year
Savings Annual Value	Not Applicable – see below		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

No savings will be delivered in this Appendix 1 request to extend an existing contract.

Existing Contract Extension

This Appendix 1 follows on from the submission within the Quarter 1 Contracts Forward Plan in which agreement to retender the contract was approved by Cabinet on 28 July 2021. A contract extension is now being sought due to the volume of procurements requiring tender across the Council and this Appendix 1 is being represented in Q4 Contracts forward plan for Cabinet consideration and approval. Additional funding will be required due to increased sector costs including increases to London Living Wage and additional funding granted for the extension will be required to be added to the new contract also.

The Future Contract Requirements

It should be noted that savings will not be made directly from this contract value due to the need to ensure London Living Wage is applied as this is a contract obligation. As a 24-hour scheme (which includes the provision of waking night) we would not be able to pay the LLW if we do not increase the contract value. The requirement to maintain both 24-hour staffing ratios and ensure LLW is applied means the potential to deliver efficiencies is limited. It is also noted that whilst delivery of direct savings may be challenging the continuation of these schemes will support delivery of the HAC Supporting Independence Programme Savings of £700k.

The potential to deliver savings will be determined when finalising the overall contracting model. Opportunities for savings may be possible from the introduction of a formal contracted approach to outreach support for people with a learning disability. This approach will apply to the following contracts: HAC5741, HAC5739 and

HAC5787

Note: The value total and value per annum figures indicated above include additional spot spend that may be incorporated into this contract from the CLDS operational budget and for which definitive hours and costs will be considered and defined prior to tender.

Scope of Contract

The Extension of the Existing Contract

This Appendix 1 follows on from the submission within the Quarter 1 Contracts Forward Plan in which agreement to retender the contract was approved by Cabinet on 28 July 2021. A contract extension is now being sought due to the volume of procurements requiring tender across the Council and this Appendix 1 is being represented in Q4 Contracts Forward Plan for Cabinet consideration and approval. Additional funding will be required due to increased sector costs including increases to London Living Wage and additional funding granted for the extension will be required.

Whilst a 9-month extension is being sought this will only be used in the event procurement timetables mean (due to competing priorities between all the planned health and social care and public health tenders) we are unable to tender these services within planned timeframes and only the required extension period will be utilised. This 9-month extension period will require an uplift in payment as this contract has not been uplifted for 4 years and it is not possible to reduce the level of service. The extension will allow for the continuation of the service and safeguard of service users, providing the necessary statutory level of care they require.

The existing Service Provider will continue to deliver the Scope of Services for the extended period of the contract.

The Future Contract Requirements

The procurement will seek the provision of 13 units of supported accommodation for people currently living in 2 separate locations in the borough. The contract will incorporate shared accommodation based 24-hour support service facilities for adults with a learning disability.

Referrals into services will be from the Tower Hamlets Community Learning Disability Service (CLDS).

The Service Provider will deliver life skills development support to prepare people to move on to more independent accommodation with less support when they are ready and able to do so.

Through the delivery of supported accommodation and support that is safe and effective, the service will focus on the enablement and maximising of independence for adults with learning disability that assists people to participate in community life. In doing so preventing the unnecessary use of more institutional forms of care.

Contracting Approach

The Extension of the Existing Contract

This Appendix 1 submission is to seek authorisation to extend an existing contract for a period of 9 months.

The Scope of Services under the existing contract will be with the for up to a further 9-month period to maintain the Council's Statutory Duties to the Tower Hamlets Residents.

The value of the contract extension is above the threshold value of £189,000 for a Record of a Corporate Director Action and therefore it must be referred to Cabinet for a decision.

Any increase on the Budget due to contract negotiations is to be agreed by the Corporate Director for Finance in conjunction with the Corporate Director for Health, Adults and Community.

The Future Contract Requirements

Tendering options will be explored with Procurement to determine the best approach for securing bids from Service Providers with experience of supporting service users with Learning Disabilities.

It is the intention to have a single procurement exercise where contracts HAC5741 and HAC5739 will be

tendered together as Lots. There is a possibility that HAC5787 may also be included within this procurement exercise and the practicalities of this will be explored with Procurement.

The tender will offer a 3 plus 1 plus 1 contract (3+1+1) to give both stability to service users and providers and facilitate changes that focus on meeting future as well as current need. Tendering options will be explored with Procurement to determine the best approach for securing bids from service providers with experience of supporting service users with Learning Disabilities. A supplier event will be held to allow bidders to seek clarification and guidance on the tender process, once determined and their submission. A market engagement will also occur to warm the market to approach, identify what approach may work to encourage best bids, get feedback on specification, payment approach, KPI's etc.

To bring the contract in line with the contract end for HAC5739 (HAC5739 and HAC5741 are being tendered together) an extension of 9 months is being requested from 1st July 2022 to 31st March 2023 as detailed above.

To deliver the Council's commitment to meet London Living Wage requirements, Social Care Charter Commitments and take account of inflationary pressures which may impact the sustainability and viability of the contract during future years, an annual uplift at a maximum of 2% year on year has been included within the overall envelope for the five period. This envelope will be set prior to procurement commencing and will be based on a corporate approach to contracts of this type.

Community Benefits

The Extension of the Existing Contract

In line with the Council's policy, the service providers will continue to deliver the Social Value benefits contained within their existing contract.

The Future Contract Requirements

Social Value will have 5% overall weighting in the tender evaluation process with the requirements being developed and defined during the preparation of the Tender Pack. This will include consideration of Social Value benefits that can reasonably be delivered within the proposed contract.

Contract Ref & Title	CS5386 Holiday, Weekend and After School club Lot 1,2,3		
Procurement Category:	Health and Social Care	Contract Duration & Extensions:	5 Years (3+1+1) plus an extension of the current contract of up to 9 months for the existing service provision
One-Time / Recurrent	Recurrent	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	Up to 9 Months Extension of current contract for £264,000 Estimate value of new contract between Minimum £1.91M Maximum £2.3M		
Value Per Annum:	Estimate value between Minimum £382,000 Maximum £460,000	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Statutory
Cost Code	84705	Budget	
Current annual value	£356,000 per Year	Revised Annual Contract	Estimate value between Minimum £382,000 Maximum £460,000
Savings Annual Value	£ 48,000 After School Club / £30,000 Whoosh Scheme		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

A saving of £48,000 will be achieved in the new contract by ceasing a part of Lot 3 After School Club provision. An additional saving of £30,000 will be achieved because of the Whoosh Scheme ceasing. Nevertheless, an increase in investment is required which could have an impact on budgets/MTFS from 2022/23 onwards.

Scope of Contract

This proposed contract will replace the current contract of three short breaks services: the ASD Holiday Scheme, the Complex Needs Holiday scheme, and the Specialist Saturday Club.

Current service lots:

CS5386	Lot 1 Holiday Scheme for CYP with ASD
CS5386	Lot 2 Holiday Scheme for CYP with Complex Needs
CS5386	Lot 3 Saturday Club Provision (ASD/Complex)

The short breaks holiday scheme contract contains high value statutory services that enable children's social care (CSC) to place and offer children with disabilities and their families and carers a range of safe and quality short breaks provisions.

The short breaks holiday schemes are utilised by the CSC Children with Disabilities (CWD) team. The service offers holiday schemes for children and young people (CYP) aged 5 to 18. The CYP have a range of

disabilities from autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) to complex health needs. The short breaks holiday schemes allow allocation of three weeks per year/per child. The Saturday Club allow CYP a fortnightly day care placement with 2 groups (junior/senior).

Historically, Stephen Hawkins School through the Whoosh charitable organisation provided a separate holiday scheme which delivered a complex health need provision. The scheme is no longer able to run due to funding from local businesses being withdrawn. This places pressure upon the local authority to consider options for CYP who legally require a short break. CWD previously provided £30,000 towards the Stephen Hawkins Whoosh Scheme.

The primary risk is that TH will not be able to deliver enough short breaks placements to meet the increase in demand within the current model and budget. If we do not meet the increase in demand, there is a potential for Tower Hamlets to not meet their statutory obligation to provide a short break to eligible families. It is anticipated that applications will increase across both Lot 1 and 2 whilst also taking into consideration new referral applications via the local offer / CWD front door moving forward.

Through close partnership working we identified a historical low uptake of our Lot 3 After School Provision usage. We propose that in the new contract we withdraw from offering After school provision and continue to run the Saturday Club. Nevertheless, additional contracts within our short breaks offer also provide After School Club which have not been utilised at full capacity enabling families to apply for this service if they wish to.

Our current contract ends on 31st March 2022. Through partnership work with all our stakeholders (CSC, provider, schools, DLT) throughout 2021 we propose to extend the current contract for 9 months, ending 30 December 2022. This will allow a trial period for the LA to offer the additional placements to replace the Whoosh scheme which will inform the recommission. We have agreements in place with our current provider and special school heads to trial our plan from April onwards. This will enable us to recommission by January 2023.

We seek Cabinet Approval for the following:

- A) Extend the existing contract provisions for Holiday, Weekend and After School club Lot 1,2,3 for a 9-month period.
- B) Authority to re-procure the Short Break Services as more fully described within this report

Cabinet is requested the approval of the recommission with an uplift of £104,000 per annum to accommodate additional placements within Lot 1 & 2 whilst reducing capacity within Lot 3.

Contracting Approach

The procurement process will be compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. The procurement and contracting approach will be developed in discussion with Corporate Procurement / Legal Services and where appropriate may include the provisions of Regulations 74 to 77 for Social and other specific services listed in Schedule 3 (Lite Touch Regime). The tender opportunity will be advertised as required by the Regulations and will appear on the London Tenders portal for the LBTH. It is anticipated these adverts will attract the interest of local service providers and afford them the opportunity to register and participate in the tendering process for this contract.

Market engagement will be undertaken prior and during the tender process to warm the market of the changes in requirements and attract potential providers.

The value of the contract extension is above the threshold value of £189,000 for a Record of a Corporate

Director Action and therefore it must be referred to Cabinet for a decision. To facilitate relationships with the existing Service Provider, the Corporate Director may exercise their delegated authority to utilise a RDCA to extend the existing contract for a limited period prior to Cabinet consideration of the request to extend for a further period.

Any increase on the Budget due to contract negotiations is to be agreed by the Corporate Director for Finance in conjunction with the Corporate Director for Children & Culture.

Community Benefits

The successful bidder will be required to submit economic and community benefits for residents as part of the tender process. Social Value will have a 5% overall weighting in the tender evaluation process with the requirements being developed and defined during the preparation of the Tender Pack.

Contract Ref & Title	HAC5818 - E- service provision for sexual health		
Procurement Category:	Health & Care	Contract Duration & Extensions:	Extension of an existing Contract for up to 4 years
One-Time / Recurrent	Recurrent	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	£3,352,000 (over 4-year extension period)		
Value P/A:	£838,000 (current budget)	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Statutory
Cost Code	R5602 37009 A2934	Budget	Public Health Grant budget
Current value	£838,000 P/A	Revised Annual Contract	Cost of £838,000 to £1,200,000 This is a demand led service & we aim to encourage participation because it generates significant savings to the face to face in clinic provision.(* See text in the report)
Savings Annual Value	Nil savings on this service (see below)		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

The e- service provision is a demand led service and during Covid-19 the demand for this provision has increased. There are no savings to this service however the e-service is a highly cost-effective service and has helped divert activity that might otherwise go into the acute services realising a saving. Quantifying the level of savings is difficult as COVID has significantly impacted the face-to-face provision.

Scope of Contract

In 2016 the Tower Hamlets Mayor authorised delegated responsibility to the Director of Public Health to enter into collaborative arrangements with other boroughs for the procurement of sexual health services.

The sexual health e-service (online) contract is part of the integrated London Sexual Health service whose objective is to manage and deliver an efficient online service as part of a wider healthcare system that responds effectively to the sexual and reproductive health needs of London's residents. The procurement, in 2017, of London's online service was a major development in the market for online Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing has enabled local authorities to meet the challenge of rising demand for STI testing with limited resources. The City of London (the Lead Authority) procured one contract for the provision of the service on behalf of all London Boroughs and Preventx is the provider of the e-service.

Each of the 30 authorities, participating in the contract for the online service, have a representative on the E-Service Management Board (ESMB) which is advised on any contract performance issues by the City of London Corporation, acting as the Lead Authority. The ESMB also makes recommendations to the Lead Authority and confirms decisions for implementation with the provider at the Contract Board.

The original contract commenced on 15/08/17 for 5 years. At the end of the 5- year term 14th August 2022 the lead authority has the option to extend on the same term for a maximum period of up to a period of four years, up until August 15th, 2026. Borough Sexual health commissioner's and e-Service Management Board have reviewed the options and recommended extending the current contract rather than entering into a new

procurement at this stage.

Like other London authorities, Tower Hamlets is challenged with continuous growth in demand for routine STI testing and needed to be met at a lower unit cost through new modalities. The online service has achieved this expectation and increased care for residents has cost significantly less than if it had been provided at a clinic, this has enabled us to increase and improve access to routine sexual health for their residents. In the last year over 32,000 STI on-line tests were requested by Tower Hamlets residents, with an 75% return rate of tests. The demand for the E-service provision is a lot higher in Tower Hamlets compared to other neighbouring boroughs. The online service has shown it is highly acceptable to residents who have consistently rated the service they have received positively, with 99% of respondents telling us they would recommend it to others.

The quality of the current e-service's performance is monitored against key performance indicators that are regularly reported at the e-Service Management Board. The e-service supplier has performed well against a wide range of key performance metrics and has demonstrated a willingness for continuous improvement and adaptation in light of the evolving needs of the stakeholders and service users.

The negative impacts of COVID19 have been greatest for physical clinics and the e-service supplier has worked with the programme to adapt and develop the service in new ways to ensure that residents have been able to access sexual healthcare i.e., changing the STI eligibility criteria to include people with low-risk symptoms and contacts of people with a diagnosed infection.

COVID19 has disrupted resident's ability to access traditional face to face services and the use of the e-service has increased as a result, ensuring that residents who need testing and treatment can do so in a timely manner, thereby avoiding the negative health consequences of undiagnosed infection while reducing the number of onward infections. Since launching, we have found that residents who used the e-service found it to be highly acceptable and welcomed the convenience.

*Note on funding arrangements - it has been agreed that £1m of the Public Health Grant reserve is retained as a contingency due to uncertainties around trends in demand-led sexual health expenditure. Any costs over and above the agreed budget for this contract, due to demand fluctuations in a financial year, will need to be funded via this contingency.

Contracting Approach

City of London Local authority as the lead authority will extend the current contract from 15/08/22 to for a maximum of 4 year.

Procurement and Legal Services will be consulted and may provide further guidance on the procedural mechanisms to extend the contracting arrangement in a compliant manner.

Community Benefits

Not applicable as this is an existing contract arrangement originally commissioned in 2017 and would have followed the City of London Corporation procurement procedures.

Contract Ref & Title	G5822 LBLA Solicitors Framework 2022 - 2026		
Procurement Category:	Corporate Services	Contract Duration & Extensions:	4 years no extensions
One-Time / Recurrent	One-Time	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	£2,000,000		
Value P/A:	£500,000 dependent upon need	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Non Statutory
Cost Code	Various as per department	Budget	Revenue
Current value	£2,000,000	Revised Annual Contract	£500,000
Savings Annual Value	Not Applicable		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

The procurement activity will be led by the London Boroughs Legal Alliance (LBLA) and will follow their procurement procedures to seek a “best value” Framework solution and savings on behalf of the Alliance Members.

Tower Hamlets Council intend to place “Call-Off Contracts” for a wide variety of legal services “as and when” required to meet the requirements of Client Departments and will benefit proportionately from the overall savings arising from the re-procurement of the LBLA Framework.

Scope of Contract

The London Boroughs' Legal Alliance (LBLA) was established in 2009 as a successful collaborative partnership of local authority legal teams predominately based within London. Over this period the LBLA has established a number of Legal Frameworks which the Alliance Members can utilise when required, subject to following the Framework “Call-Off” procedure. The procedure includes both “best value” Direct Awards and further competition by Mini Competition to establish the “best value” Service Provider.

Legal Services as part of Corporate Services are seeking authority to place separate Call-Off Contracts for up to £4m over the four-year life of the LBLA Frameworks. The Call-Off Contracts will be placed “as and when” required to meet the project delivery requirements of Client Services for external legal services which cannot be provided by the Councils own department due to the limited resources available.

The utilisation of the LBLA Framework Agreements is a more cost-effective solution to secure external legal support than fully tendering each requirement as it arises.

The Frameworks are managed by Kennedy Carter who are a firm of independent legal consultants that manage the LBLA on behalf of the Alliance Members. The Alliance will share “best practice” knowledge with the membership and have the ability to “benchmark” services to secure efficiencies and savings on legal spend.

Contracting Approach

The London Borough's Legal Alliance will lead and establish the Framework Agreements on behalf of the Alliance members. Consequently, the procurement activity will follow the LBLA governance and procurement procedure in compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

Tower Hamlets will commission the external legal service resources through a Call-Off Process under the

procedures described within the Framework Agreement.

Community Benefits

The Community Benefit elements will be contained within the Framework Agreement as appropriate in accordance with the LBLA procurement procedures. Tower Hamlets Council will benefit from such Social Value provisions as they exist when the Call-Off Contract is commissioned. Due to the nature of the professional services being procured, these Community Benefit benefits are likely to be limited in nature such as access to free and lower cost training, assistance in managing contractor relationships and spend monitoring.

Contract Ref & Title	CS5275 - Primary School Speech and Language Therapy Contract (Language Resource Provision)		
Procurement Category:	Health and Care	Contract Duration & Extensions:	10-month extension
One-Time / Recurrent	One-Time	Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/> On Going <input type="checkbox"/> HRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> S106 <input type="checkbox"/> Reserves
Value Total:	£200,000.00		
Value Per Annum:	£240,000.00	Statutory / Non-Statutory	Non Statutory
Cost Code	81560	Budget	£200,000.00
Current annual value	£240,000.00 per Year	Revised Annual Contract	£240,000.00 per Year
Savings Annual Value	Not Applicable		

Summary of how savings will be achieved

Proposing a short-term extension before including service in wider Integrated Therapies Programme a joint Tower Hamlets Together initiative. The programme involves pooling existing budgets and creating a joint commissioning framework for LBTH, CCG and Schools. This will create economies of scale and deliver coordinated care from different agencies ensuring more effective provision.

Costs within existing contract are largely fixed. It's predominantly staffing costs which are fixed by agenda for change. Overhead rates remain the same which is the same for other commissioners of Bart's Health Services. Staffing costs have increased due to wage inflation and so no uplift is effectively an uplift.

Scope of Contract

The Language Resource Provision (LRP) is specialist Speech and Language Therapy provision for children ages 3.5 (nursery)- 11 years old (year 6). The service is for children with speech and language difficulties and associated learning difficulties, such as developmental language disorder and verbal dyspraxia. The service is based in Cyril Jackson and Globe Primary Schools and provides school placements for additional support for speech and language therapy. The service provides: 1-1 language support, small group language support, meetings with parents to discuss progress,

Contracting Approach

This is a short-term extension that maintains current level of provision for children with speech and language needs/special educational needs. The proposal is to award the extension to Bart's Health the incumbent provider.

The rationale is that a wider review is currently being undertaken of therapy provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs. This extension will provide time for this review to be completed at which point a contractual framework for commissioning therapies for the council, CCG and schools will be in place.

Approaching the market with this service at this time would offer limited value due to the short-term nature of the extension and limited flexibility with NHS staffing costs. A longer-term contract offer would undermine the work of the Integrated Therapies Programme which is a Council and Children's Services priority. It would also

be work intensive for the schools and commissioning.

Community Benefits

The service enables children with special educational needs/speech and language difficulties to meet their potential. It provides families with specialist therapies input that enables their child to develop and flourish. It also provides this within a school setting minimising the disruption to families. Community Benefits will continue to be delivered as specified within the existing contract provisions.