

London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham Record of Officer Decision

The call-in has expired and the decision below can now be implemented.

- ❖ Draft Decision List published on: 25 January 2021
- ❖ Confirmed Decision List published on: 28 January 2021

1. **TITLE: Direct Award of Rough Sleeping Accommodation Contracts**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Strategic Director of the Economy Department

3. **DECISION:**

1. Appendix 1 is not for publication on the basis that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings as set out in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
2. Ratifies the decision to directly award five contracts, as set out in Table 1 below, in order to continue provision of accommodation services for rough sleepers by the incumbent providers for up to a period of 12 months, from 1st November 2020;

Table 1

Contract name	Current end date	Proposed period of direct contract award	Total value of direct award contract
St Mungo's – Hope Gardens	31.10.20	1.11.20 to 31.10.21	£417,478
St Mungo's – The Old Theatre	31.10.20	1.11.20 to 31.10.21	£325,126
St Mungo's – Edith Rd	31.10.20	1.11.20 to 31.10.21	£350,097
Look Ahead – 160 Coningham Rd	31.10.20	1.11.20 to 31.10.21	£335,099
Cyrenians - Shepherds House	31.10.20	1.11.20 to 31.10.21	£306,726

4. **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The five accommodation contracts are critical to the council's strategic priority to end rough sleeping. The original procurement timetable for new services was delayed due to the impact of COVID. Five directly awarded 12 months contracts are necessary to ensure service continuity while services are procured to commence by 1 November 2021.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Option 1 – Do not award the contracts bringing the current arrangements to an immediate end

This option is not viable as there will be a gap before new services are in place for vulnerable residents. This option would likely increase the demand for more intensive health, housing and social care services and increase rough sleeping. For these reasons this option is not recommended.

Option 2 - Directly award five short-term interim contracts to the incumbent providers

This option will enable service continuity to vulnerable residents while new contract arrangements are put in place. For this reason, this option is recommended.

6. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED:**

None

Date of Decision
24 January 2021