

London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham Record of Leader's Urgent Decision

The Decision below is not subject to call-in, as agreed by the Mayor on 17 August 2022, and can be implemented with immediate effect.

❖ Confirmed Decision List published on: 20 August 2022.

1. **TITLE: Emergency Direct Award for Minibus Travel Care and Support Services**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cllr Andrew Jones, Cabinet Member for the Economy, deputising for the Leader and Deputy Leader in their absence, following authorisation given by the Leader on 19/08/22.

3. **DECISION:**

The Leader of the Council approves:

1. That Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 to this report are exempt from disclosure on the grounds that they contain information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings under Paragraph 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.
2. A termination of the existing contract with HCT Group effective from 26 August 2022 as they have notified the Council that they will cease services from this date.
3. A contract direct award to HATS Group Ltd from the 27 August 2022 to 31 July 2024 for the provision of minibus transport services at an annual cost of £2.301m.
4. The use of the policy contingency for 2022/23 (in consultation with and approval of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Reform) to fund £102,000 (including the one-off mobilisation payment of £75,385 to HATS Group Ltd), Future costs of £46,000 will be provisionally included in the base budget for 2023/24 subject to approval by Full Council in February 2023.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The current provider will cease providing services from 26 August 2022. There is therefore an urgent requirement to award a contract to a new provider to ensure the continued delivery of services.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

A direct award for two years is therefore considered to be the best and only route for securing services in the current timeframe. Officers have progressed

on this basis.

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

None

Date of Decision
20 August 2022