

## London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham Record of Cabinet Member Decision

**The call-in has expired and this decision can be implemented.**

- ❖ Draft Decision List published on: 10 July 2023
- ❖ Confirmed Decision List published on: 13 July 2023

1. **TITLE: Award of Body Collection Contract for Mortuaries Services**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet Member for Public Realm

3. **DECISION:**

1. To approve that Appendix 1 is not for publication on the basis that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information) under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and in all the circumstance of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information and that Appendix 2 is not for publication on the basis that it contains information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings under Paragraph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 and in all the circumstance of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
2. To approve the award of a contract for the provision of Body Collection Services to Lodge Brothers Ltd for 5 years from 1st August 2023 for the sum of £512,625 with an optional extension for a further two years, bringing the total contract value to £717,675.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The current contract which covers all 6 boroughs, expires in August 2023. The key driver for this procurement is our compliance with The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) Order.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Following evaluation and moderation, it is recommended that Lodge Brothers Ltd be awarded the contract for the stated duration.

The alternative of not awarding a contract is not recommended as this is critical provision for the borough. The Council is the Lead Authority for the West

London Area for coronial services and is, alongside 5 other London Boroughs, reliant upon this provision.

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

None

<b>Date of Decision</b>
07 July 2023