

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: 18 December 2024
- ❖ Confirmed Decision List published on: 23 December 2024

1. **TITLE: Contract award for semi-independent Living (SIL) services for children looked after, care experienced and young people at risk**
2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Deputy Leader (with responsibility for Children and Education) & Cabinet Member for the Economy
3. **DECISION:**

That the Deputy Leader (with responsibility for Children and Education) approves:

1. That the approximate contract value, tender results and property addresses for the leases included in this award, are outlined in Appendices 2-4 and are not for publication on the basis that they contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) as set out in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
2. The award of a contract to Centrepont Soho, for the provision of semi-independent living (SIL) services for young people for an initial term of three years from 1st May 2025, with the option to extend for a further two periods of two years up to a total contract term of seven years (3+2+2), at an annual contract cost of approximately £2,656,819.
3. The decision to extend this contract or vary it in accordance with current need be delegated to the Executive Director of People's Services.

That the Cabinet Member for the Economy approves:

4. The Council granting leases of four council owned properties to Centrepont Soho for the provision of semi-independent living (SIL) services for young people.
5. To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Director of Legal Services to negotiate and execute the leases and all necessary agreements in order to implement recommendation 4 above where the rental income exceeds the value delegated to officers in accordance with Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION:**

Commissioning a SIL block contract ensures that we have access to high-quality in-borough SIL accommodation, with improved access to local services, family and community network.

Having sufficient in-borough provision also reduces our reliance on higher cost, spot-purchased SIL placements which are out of borough, as well as delivering value for money through the award of a single block contract with 134-135 bedspaces, creating economies of scale and leveraging additional investment from the provider.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Two bids were received on time on Monday 4th November 2024. All bids were evaluated against a pass/fail criterion for the qualification envelope. Two bids were received however one bid was disqualified at this stage for failing to meet the minimum requirements.

The remaining bid was assessed at 60% quality and 40% price. An assessment of Social Value was also considered, forming 20% of the overall score. The social value commitments for this contract total £392,652 in proxy value.

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

None

Date of Decision
16 December 2024