

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

**The Decision below is subject to call-in which expires on: 8 May 2025 at 3pm**

- ❖ Draft Decision List published on: 2 May 2025
- ❖ Confirmed Decision List to be published on: 8 May 2025

1. **TITLE:** Continuation of the Step Up to Social Work Programme
2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Deputy Leader
3. **DECISION:**
  1. Approves the extension of the contract between the Council and the University of Hertfordshire for the delivery of the Step Up to Social Work programme for a period of 2 years from 26 June 2025 - 25 June 2027, at a cost of £399,072.
  2. Approves delegated authority for future contract extensions to the Operational Director for Children and Young People's Services.
4. **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The current contract with University of Hertfordshire was awarded in 2024, following a competitive procurement process. The initial contract term expires in June 2025, with the option to extend twice, for 2 years per extension, to align with the DfE funding.
5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Option 1: Continue the current contract with University of Hertfordshire (Recommended)

Option 2: Do not continue the contract with University of Hertfordshire (Not Recommended)
6. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED:**

None

Date of Decision
01 May 2025