

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: HOUSING SOLUTION CONTRACT - EXTENSION

Notice is hereby given that Councillor Liza Begum, Cabinet Member for Housing Services, has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

Summary of Decision

To approve a variation to the contract for the delivery of frontline advice, homeless prevention and support services (Lot 1) with Places for People [company number 03777037], to increase the contract term by 6 months and provide additional resource costing £89,250 for the total sum of £1,332,002 for the period 1st October 2024 to 31st March 2025.

To approve a variation to the contract for the delivery of the single person homeless service (Lot 2) with Places for People [company number 03777037], to increase the contract term by 6 months and provide additional resource costing £131,750 for the total sum of £875,084 for the period 1st October 2024 to 31st March 2025.

To approve a variation to the contract for the delivery of housing, allocations and nominations (Lot 3) with Places for People [company number 03777037] to increase the contract term by 6 months and provide additional resource costing £89,250 for the total sum of for £1,459,531 for the period 1st October 2024 to 31st March 2025.

To approve a variation to the contract for the delivery of procurement and management of temporary accommodation (Lot 4) with Places for People [company number 03777037] to increase the contract term by 6 months and provide additional resource costing £114,750 for the total sum of £889,635 for the period 1st October 2024 to 31st March 2025.

To affirm the ongoing delegation of its statutory decision-making functions under Parts VI and VII of the Housing Act 1996 pursuant to the Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Allocation of Housing and Homelessness Functions) Order 1996 to Places for People and its approved subcontractors wherever such decision-making is part of the contract requirements within the four contract extensions recommended above.

To approve the direct award of a contract for a single person homeless service to Places for People [company number 03777037] for the total sum of £2,441,230 for the period of 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.

To approve the direct award of a contract for procurement and management of temporary accommodation to Places for People [company number 03777037] for the total sum of £1,471,615, for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.

To approve the delegation of its statutory decision-making functions under Parts VI and VII of the Housing Act 1996 pursuant to the Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Allocation of Housing and Homelessness Functions) Order 1996 to Places for People and its approved subcontractors wherever such decision-making is part of the contract requirements within the two 12-month contracts recommended above.

Reason(s) for Decision

Approval is sought to enable the ongoing delivery of housing solutions services while work is underway to insource various functions by 1 April 2025 with other contract lots remaining outsourced until 31 March 2026.

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