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25th January 2021

From: Julie Mayer – Town Clerk's

COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEES AND THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: PAN-LONDON COMMISSIONING SUPPORT

URGENT DECISION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 41 (A)

Background

The initial response to the Covid-19 pandemic in London saw an unprecedented effort to accommodate those sleeping rough in the capital. To address the complex needs of this cohort, a pan-London Homeless Drug and Alcohol Service was commissioned to co-ordinate and provide support for substance misuse issues.

In October 202, you gave approval for the City Corporation to be named as the lead commissioner for pan-London drug and alcohol services in a number of bids to Public Health England (PHE). The services would include in-patient detox (IPD) provision for those with complex drug and health needs. You noted that legislation prevents the GLA from commissioning health services and there would be no cost burden to the City of London Corporation (as set out in Appendix 2 to the report dated 9th October 2020). The Corporation is recognised as having a track record in the successful delivery of pan-London services and, subsequently, the bids were successful and work is now underway to commission these vital services.

On 21 January 2021, Public Health England's Regional Team asked the City of London Corporation to consider an extension to the remit originally approved. As part of a wider funding announcement by government, they are seeking an expansion of the IPD provision. This supply would be linked to crime reduction and not specifically rough sleeping. The intention is to allocate an additional £1m to the City Corporation, which includes funding for any costs we may incur to deliver this role.

Reason for urgency

Agreement to the extension of City Corporation’s remit in relation to this service is being sought by PHE by Friday 29th January 2021 and the Policy and Resources Committee and Health and Wellbeing Board are not scheduled to meet again until 18th and 19th February, 2021 respectively. *NB. The Community and Children’s Services Committee will consider the proposal at its meeting on 29th January 2021.*

Implications

The delivery is relatively straightforward in that it is the same specified service, same governance and same market that would be developed in relation to our existing agreed role. The procurement will be subject to the Corporation’s Procurement Code and an external governance board will be accountable for oversight of delivery and responding to issues. The full implications in respect of financial, risk legal and equalities were set out in the request for an urgent decision dated 9th October 2020..

Proposals

Subject to the approval of Community and Children’ Services Committees on 29th January 2021, the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Policy and Resources Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board, is asked to agree to an extension to the original remit approved on 9th October 2020, as set out in Appendix A, in order to expand the IPD provision, as part of a wider funding announcement by government. *NB -This supply would be linked to crime reduction and not specifically rough sleeping.*

The intention to allocate an additional £1m to the City Corporation be noted, which includes funding for any costs we may incur in delivering this role

Background documents:

- A - Request for an urgent decision dated 9th October 2020
- B - Covering report and appendices dated 9th October 2020

Chairman/Deputy Chairman

In the light of the information in the attached emails the Town Clerk, I approve/do not approve the proposed action.

Comments

Date.....

Signed.....

Chairman/Deputy Chairman

To be completed by the Town Clerk:-

In the light of the information in the attached emails from the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, I approve/do not approve the proposed action.

Date.....

Signed.....

Town Clerk