

Committee: Health & Wellbeing Board	Date: 19 February 2021
Subject: Report of Action Taken	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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Summary

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk under urgency or delegated authority in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman since the last meeting of the Committee, in accordance with Standing Orders No. 41 (a) and (b).

Recommendation:

- That Members note the report.

Main Report

Urgency - Pan-London commissioning support [29.01.21]

1. 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.
2. In October 2020, approval was given 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. 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.
3. 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 exclusively rough sleeping.
4. Action taken: The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Policy and Resources Committee, Health and Wellbeing Board and the Community and Children's Services Committee, agreed to an extension to the original remit approved on 9 October 2020 in order to expand the IPD provision as part of a wider funding announcement by government. The

intention to allocate an additional £1m to the City Corporation was also noted which would include funding for any costs we may incur in delivering this role

Conclusion

5. Background papers for Members are available from Leanne Murphy on the email address provided below.

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