

Notice to the Chair of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee



Urgent Key Decision form

DECISION DETAILS
Decision Maker: Strategic Director, Children and Young People
Decision Title: To enter into a grant funding agreement with the Youth Justice Board for the Covid-19 response to the Over-represented Children Pathfinder Project
Description of Decision: To agree that the Council should enter into a grant agreement with the Youth Justice Board (YJB) for the delivery of support services to children of black, Asian and minority ethnic heritage who have been adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.
When will the Decision be made? 23/10/20
Will the accompanying report be: Open <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part Exempt <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Exempt <input type="checkbox"/>
Reasons for exemption (if applicable) The report will contain the following category of Information exempt from publication under the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, namely paragraph:
TYPE OF URGENCY
Please tick all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> A. The decision is urgent and <u>28 clear days' notice</u> of the decision cannot be given but at least 5 clear days' notice can <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. The decision is extremely urgent and even <u>5 clear days' notice</u> of the decision cannot be given <input type="checkbox"/> C. The decision will be made by members at a meeting and <u>28 clear days' notice</u> that the proposed decision may be discussed in private (i.e. the report will contain information <u>exempt from publication</u>) cannot be given <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. The decision must be implemented urgently and the <u>5 day call-in period</u> must be <u>dis-applied</u> to allow the decision to take immediate effect.
REASONS FOR URGENCY
If you have selected options A, B or C please explain: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Why it was not possible to provide the required notice (i.e. why the decision or exemption was not anticipated)▪ Why it is impractical to defer the decision to a later date to allow the appropriate notice to be provided.

This grant funding agreement is considered to fall under the Key Decision process because of the value of the overall grant (£696k to 31st March 2023) and that it is significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions of the borough.

Confirmation was not received from the YJB that the grant agreement would be made until Friday 16th October 2020. The LB Brent bid had set out that services would start to be delivered during the month of October in line with the requirements set out by the funder. The YJB have stipulated that services should commence in line with the grant funding proposal.

The grant includes a payment for work that needs to start immediately. This includes mapping work that will inform the rest of the project. Arrangements are in place to second a data analyst to this project and back-fill the post. This recruitment needs to take place as soon as possible. It is impractical to defer the decision for the usual statutory period as it would impact on the required outcomes of the project.

If you have selected Option D please explain why the council's interest or the public interest would be seriously prejudiced by the decision not taking immediate effect.

The project's success depends on the early work being completed as this will provide the information that will determine the pathway for the rest of the project activity. If the decision was not taken with immediate effect there will be a delay to delivery of the project aimed at supporting children from BAME communities who have been adversely affected by Covid-19. As infection rates rise and the likelihood of further restrictions on movement are implemented it is important that this project commences immediately as it will help mitigate any further negative effects on young people from BAME backgrounds.

SIGN-OFF

Strategic Director of Children & Young People

Printed Name: Gail Tolley

Signature: *Gail Tolley*

Chief Executive

Printed Name: Carolyn Downs

Signature: *Carolyn Downs*

THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY GOVERNANCE SERVICES

CHAIR OF COMMUNITY WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Notice to: Councillor Ketan Sheth

The Chair is asked to:

Note that an urgent decision will be taken as detailed in the form above.

The decision is deemed urgent because insufficient (less than 28 days) notice of the intention to take the decision was provided on the Forward Plan. However, at least 5 clear days' notice has been provided and therefore the Scrutiny Chair is only required to note that the decision will be taken.

Permit the extremely urgent decision to be taken as detailed in the form above.

The decision is deemed extremely urgent as less than 5 clear days' notice of the intention to take the decision has been provided. The Scrutiny Chair is asked to agree that the decision is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred for the reasons detailed in the form above.

Permit discussion of exempt information in private relying on Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

If a report is likely to contain information exempt from publication under schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, then 28 days' notice of this must be provided on the Forward Plan. Where this requirement has not been met, the agreement of the Scrutiny Chair is required before proceeding.

Permit the dis-application of the 5 day call-in period, allowing the decision detailed in the form above to take immediate effect.

A Cabinet decision or a Key Decision cannot be implemented until the 5 day call in period has elapsed and no valid call-in has been received. The call-in protocol can be dis-applied if the council's or the public interest would be seriously prejudiced by the decision not taking immediate effect. The Chief Executive must determine whether a decision is urgent in this regard. The consent of the Scrutiny Chair to the matter being treated as urgent is also required.

SIGN-OFF

Notice sent to Councillor Ketan Sheth on 20/10/20

Chair's approval: Required Not Required

Date approval granted (if applicable): 20/10/20