

PRESENT

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Cllr Elizabeth Campbell, Leader of the Council (Chair)

Cllr Kim Taylor-Smith, Deputy Leader, Lead Member for Employment, Culture & Economy (Vice Chair)

Cllr Sarah Addenbrooke, Lead Member for Communities & Community Safety

Cllr Catherine Faulks, Lead Member for Family & Children's Services

Cllr Cem Kemahli, Lead Member for Planning & Public Realm

Cllr Sof McVeigh, Lead Member for Housing Management, Housing Safety & Building New Homes

Cllr Josh Rendall, Lead Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health

Cllr Johnny Thalassites, Lead Member for Finance, Customer Services & Net Zero Council

Cllr Emma Will, Property, Parks and Leisure

Council Officers

Douglas Campbell, Governance Manager

Mike Curtis, Executive Director of Resources

Joyce Golder, Principal Solicitor and Deputy Monitoring Officer

Dan Hawthorn, Exec Dir Housing and Social Investment

Maxine Holdsworth, Chief Executive

LeVerne Parker, Chief Solicitor & Monitoring Officer

Stuart Priestley, Chief Community Safety Officer

Toyin Shobowale, Senior Governance Coordinator

Lisa Taylor, Director of Financial Management

Moira Ugoji, Director of Communities

Callum Wilson, Strategic Director for Grenfell Partnerships, Communities and Transformation

72 SECONDS' SILENCE

The Leadership Team and all others present observed 72 seconds' silence to remember those who lost their lives in the Grenfell tragedy.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Leadership Team amended paragraph 4 of the minutes of item 5 - Voluntary Sector Support Fund - Award of Grants to read 'just because some organisations were unsuccessful during this funding cycle, it doesn't mean that the work and services they provide are not important' and not what was written in the draft minutes 'just because some organisations were unsuccessful during this funding circle, it doesn't undermine the important work/ services they provided'.

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2023, as amended, were confirmed as a correct record.

4 AWARD OF BOROUGH-WIDE INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE CONTRACT APRIL 2024 (KD06529) – *Exempt appendices*

Cllr. Sarah Addenbrooke, Lead Member for Communities and Community Safety introduced the report setting out the background to the proposed decision. She mentioned that over 9,000 residents use the Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) services and added that in the past, the Council used several providers at different locations across the borough to provide IAG services.

Cllr. Sarah Addenbrooke advised that to get the best experience and value, the Council worked with residents to co-design a new Tender Specification and procurement process to change to a single (lead) supplier under a consortium. She stated that the single provider model would ensure residents are seen by several community-based advice agencies within their local area which would also be their main point of contact throughout their case.

In response to a question, Officers confirmed there would be better data sharing (subject to consent), better coordination, sharing resources, reduction in duplication, cost savings, and overall better experience for residents if there was a single provider providing IAG services.

The Leadership Team heard representations on behalf of Worlds End Neighbourhood Advice Group (WENAG). The residents expressed their disappointment with the procurement process and the lack of Scrutiny overview given the high value of the contract (7-year IAG contract arrangement up to £1,016,000). However, they welcomed the Council's commitment to working with organisations and residents to get the best service.

Members of the Worlds End Neighbourhood Advice Group (WENAG) asked that the Council put some measures in place to ensure that future contracts are properly scrutinised. Other requests were to ensure clarity and commitment to service delivery and standard by supplier, ensuring developmental service standards were adhered to, and permitting all stakeholders to be included in the decision-making processes.

Cllr. Elizabeth Campbell - Leader of the Council (Chair) reaffirmed the Council's ongoing commitment to working with residents and organisations to ensure they were adequately supported. She said that the lessons learnt from the lack of scrutiny input on this procurement process would continue to guide the Council and advised she would raise issue with the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny (OSC).

The Leadership Team thanked members of the Worlds End Neighbourhood Advice Group (WENAG) and Officers who worked hard in driving the project forward.

Prior to reaching its decision, the Leadership Team RESOLVED to exclude the press and public by virtue of paragraphs 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 to consider and discuss information contained in the Part B appendix relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information. The Leadership Team duly went into private session before returning to public session to take its decision.

The Leadership Team RESOLVED, for the reasons set out in paragraphs 3.1 – 3.6 and elsewhere within the report, that the recommendations at paragraphs 2.1 (i-ii) be adopted.

The Leadership Team:

- (i) Agreed the award of the Information Advice and Guidance contract to the preferred provider following the procurement process. The preferred provider is the Kensington and Chelsea Advice Partnership (KCAP). The award is for £1,016,000 per annum, inclusive of VAT, for a maximum term of seven years.
- (ii) Delegated to the Strategic Director of Grenfell Partnerships & Corporate Transformation following consultation with the Lead Member for Communities & Community Safety authority to enter the contract and to exercise any extensions to the contract in due course.

Action by: Executive Director for Environment and Communities

5. SERIOUS VIOLENCE STRATEGY 2023 KD1007457

Cllr. Sarah Addenbrooke, Lead Member for Communities and Community Safety introduced the report setting out the background to the proposed decision.

Cllr. Elizabeth Campbell - Leader of the Council (Chair), read out a statement on behalf of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny in which she welcomed the report and the opportunity given to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise the report.

In response to a question on how best to tackle violence in the borough, Officers confirmed the Council worked with several stakeholders including the Police, London Fire Brigade, Probation Service, Health, Public Health, Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and the resident-led Safer Neighbourhood Board. All stakeholders, she said, had extensive experience of crime reduction and have adequate means of making the streets safer.

The Leadership Team thanked officers and stakeholders who worked hard to put together the new Serious Violence Strategy.

The Leadership Team RESOLVED, for the reasons set out in paragraphs 3.1 – 3.5 and elsewhere within the report, that the recommendations at paragraphs 2.1(2.1.1) be adopted.

The Leadership Team:

- (i) Approved the publication of the RBKC Serious Violence Strategy 2024 (Appendix 2) to ensure the Council complies with the Serious Violence Duty legal requirements and timescales.

Action by: Executive Director for Environment and Communities

6. THE COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE LONDON BOROUGHS GRANT SCHEME 2024/25 KD1007392

Cllr. Elizabeth Campbell - Leader of the Council (Chair), introduced the report.

The London Boroughs Grant scheme is administered by London Councils on behalf of the 32 London Boroughs and the City of London. The Council's contribution for 2024/25 to the scheme is £109,921. The aim of the funding is to help provide support to people who struggled accessing services, combating homelessness, and tackling domestic violence through early intervention.

In response to a question on why the Council was paying less this year, Officers confirmed this year's payment was £6,269 lower than 2023/24. The reason stated was that contributions were based on the borough's population estimates which were higher in previous years.

The Leadership Team thanked officers who had set out a coherent report.

The Leadership Team RESOLVED, for the reasons set out in paragraphs 3.1 and elsewhere within the report, that the recommendations at paragraphs 2.1 (i-ii) be adopted.

The Leadership Team:

- (i) Agreed the overall level of expenditure London-wide for the London Boroughs Grants Scheme of £6.686m in 2024/25.
- (ii) Agreed the Council's contribution to the London Boroughs Grants Scheme for 2024/25 of £109,921.

Action by: Executive Director for Resources

10 ANY OTHER ORAL OR WRITTEN PUBLIC ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

None

11 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Leadership Team went into private session to discuss Agenda Item 4, Award of Borough-wide Information, Advice and Guidance Contract April 2024 (KD06529)

The meeting ended at 7.15 pm

Chair