

# **MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEMBER SIGNING MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2024, 10:00AM - 10:15AM.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Sarah Williams Cabinet Member for Housing Services and Private Renters

**In attendance:** Camlee Voisin-Baptiste, Senior Commissioning Officer and Nazyer Choudhury, Principal Committee Co-Ordinator

## **1. FILMING AT MEETINGS**

The Cabinet Member referred to the notice of filming at meetings and this information was noted.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

## **3. URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

## **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

## **5. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / QUESTIONS**

There were none.

## **6. VARIATION AND EXTENSION OF HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT CONTRACT - COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR SERVICE FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN HARINGEY (REACH & CONNECT)**

This report sought Cabinet Member approval to implement Contract Standing Order 10.02.1b, to vary and extend the contract for the Community Navigator Service for Older People in Haringey (Reach & Connect) with Public Voice for a period of 2 years, from 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2026.

### **The Cabinet Member RESOLVED**

1. That pursuant to Contract Standing Order 16.02, the Cabinet Member for Housing Services, Private Renters and Planning approve the variation and extension of contract for the Community Navigator Service for Older People in

Haringey (Reach & Connect), held by Public Voice, as allowed under Contract Standing Order 10.02.1b as follows:

- a) Year 6 (1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025) – £352,585
  - b) Year 7 (1 May 2025 to 30 April 2026) - £342,585
  - c) Which is a total extension value of £695,170
2. The aggregated value of the contract period from 1 May 2019 to 30 April 2026 is £2,736,610.
  3. Funding for the extension would be from the Council's Housing Related Support general fund budget, in Housing Demand.
  4. The contract was re-negotiated with Public Voice for the duration of the variation and extension period as shown in 5.15 of the report.

### **Reasons for decision**

The service enabled older people in the borough to continue living independently in their own homes and prevent escalation in care needs and hospital admissions.

Performance had been evaluated as good throughout the contract period. Performance returns were completed and submitted on time and targets were met. There was a demonstrable need for the service in Haringey and the services were evidently delivering positive outcomes for older residents. Therefore, it was in residents and the Council's overall interest to continue to provide these much-needed older people services in Haringey.

### **Alternative options considered**

Do nothing: It would be possible to leave the contract to cease at the end of the contract period, however there was continued high demand for this service, and it continued to achieve positive outcomes for vulnerable people. Therefore, it would not be in the Council's interest to end the contract at this time.

In-house provision was considered and was found not to be suitable for delivery of the service, as there was not currently the expertise within the Council to provide this service.

Consideration was given to the completion of a procurement exercise via an open tender process. However, this option was discounted because the Council was able to enter into negotiations with the current provider and use the option to extend the contract which was agreed by Cabinet in March 2019.

## **7. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

There were none.

CABINET MEMBER: Councillor Sarah Williams

Signed by Cabinet Member.....

Date .....12 February 2024.....