

MINUTES OF THE Cabinet Member Signing HELD ON Thursday, 2nd April, 2026, 11:00 - 11:15

PRESENT:

Councillors: Lucia das Neves

ALSO ATTENDING: Kodi Sprott, Principal Committee Coordinator, Sarah Hart, Senior Commissioner, Maeve Gill, Senior Public Health Registrar

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

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

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. URGENT BUSINESS

There was none.

5. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / QUESTIONS

There were none.

6. APPROVAL OF THE PROCUREMENT OF INTEGRATED DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICES FOR HARINGEY

This report sought authority to approve, as required under Contract Standing Order 2.01(b), the commencement of a procurement process for the selection of a provider of substance misuse and treatment services for Haringey residents from 1st March 2027. This decision ensured the Council continued to meet its statutory duty to commission effective drug and alcohol treatment and recovery services. Current contracts ended in February 2027, and beginning procurement now was essential to maintain uninterrupted, safe and high-quality provision for residents.

RESOLVED

The Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Wellbeing:

1. Approved the initiation of a procurement process for the provision of integrated drug and alcohol treatment and recovery services for Haringey residents, with the purpose of appointing operator(s) to officially operate these services in the borough from 1st March 2027 as permitted under Contact Standing Order 2.01(b).
2. Noted that following the completion of the procurement process to appoint service providers in the borough, the contract award decision would be returned to cabinet for approval.
3. It was anticipated that the contracts awarded would not exceed the value outlined in Appendix 1 which contained exempt information.

Reasons for decision

The Council's Contract Standing Order item 2.01 (b) required Cabinet approval to commence a procurement exercise for proposed contracts valued £500,000 or above. Local authorities had a statutory responsibility, under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, to commission drug and alcohol treatment and recovery services as part of their public health duties. The Council received ring-fenced funding for this purpose from the Department of Health and Social Care, which must be used solely for commissioning and providing drug and alcohol prevention, treatment and recovery services. Existing contracts for these services in Haringey would end in February 2027.

Ensuring effective treatment and supporting recovery for residents was aligned with the Corporate Delivery Plan, by improving health outcomes for adults and children, and making Haringey safer by reducing crime and strengthening community resilience.

Alternative options considered

The option not to procure new services was considered but rejected, as the Council was required to commission drug and alcohol treatment and recovery services and receives specific ring-fenced funding for this purpose. As part of the terms of the public health grant award, the council must annually agree to provide services for a target number of residents and must demonstrate that this treatment is effective. Failure to reach the target can lead to loss of income for the Council. Not commissioning services would risk higher drug- and alcohol-related deaths, worsening health outcomes, greater harm to children affected by parental substance misuse, and increased drug-related crime and antisocial behaviour.

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Item 8 was likely to be subject to a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contains exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1985); paras 3 and 5, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and information

in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

8. EXEMPT APPROVAL OF THE PROCUREMENT OF INTEGRATED DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICES FOR HARINGEY

The exempt information was considered.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date