

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2011**

Councillors Bevan, Kober and Goldberg (Chair)

Apologies Councillor Reith

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
PROC15.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Reith.</p>	
PROC16.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>There were no items of urgent business.</p>	
PROC17.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
PROC18.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2011 be approved and signed.</p>	<p>HLDM S</p>
PROC19.	<p>REQUEST TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT TO FORMALLY TENDER FOR THE MULTI-SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND CHILDREN WHO ARE AT RISK OF COMING INTO CARE OR CUSTODY</p> <p>The Committee considered a report seeking approval for award of contract to the Brandon Centre to deliver a joint Multi-Systemic Therapy service for the Council and LB Waltham Forest. Both authorities had been awarded grant funding from the Department of Education to deliver this intensive, evidence based intervention service to vulnerable children and young people with a view to preventing them entering care or custody. The bid had been developed in partnership with the Brandon Centre, selected due to its expertise in delivering this specialist service and the positive service outcomes achieved delivering the service in other boroughs.</p> <p>Approval was being sought for award of a two year contract from April 2012 until March 2014, with an option to extend for a further two years subject to the availability of funding. An additional resource demand of £244,700 would need to be met collectively by both authorities to supplement the grant funding. It was anticipated that this would be apportioned in line with the relative number of referrals from each authority and would be met from cost savings to placement budgets.</p> <p>Further assurances were sought by the Committee that the proposed</p>	

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	<p>contract was in the best interests of the Council in consideration that a competitive tender process had not been followed and that a market testing process could not be undertaken to evaluate value for money. It was confirmed that a European tendering exercise had not been required for the procurement under Public Contracts Regulations 2006 owing to its classification as a Part B service. The Brandon Centre had been instrumental in the development of the bid on a partnership basis and should the Centre not be awarded the contract, there would be a significant risk of the grant funding being withdrawn. In addition, the Centre was considered to be a suitable partner due to its classification as a Centre of Excellence recognised by the Department of Health as well as being well placed locally and experienced in delivering this specialist service for other local authorities in the area. The Committee requested confirmation on the Council's recourse to withdraw funds should performance outcomes not be delivered by the Centre. Officers agreed to seek verification on the break clauses under the proposed contract and forward to the Chair.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That approval be granted to the waiver of Contract Standing Orders (CSO) 9.01 (requirement to tender) as allowed under CSO 10.01(a) in accordance with waiver requirements noted under CSO 10.01.2(d) namely that it is in the Council's overall interest. • That approval be granted in principle to the award of contract to the Brandon Centre to deliver Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) for a period of two years commencing from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2014 with an option to extend for a further period of up to two years subject to availability of funding. This approval was subject to clarification being provided to the Chair regarding break clauses in the contract relating to the achievement of performance targets by the Centre as the delivery organisation. 	<p>Head Procurement</p> <p>Dir CYPS</p> <p>Dir CYPS</p> <p>Head Procurement</p>
<p>PROC20.</p>	<p>NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>There were no new items of urgent business.</p>	

CLLR GOLDBERG

Chair