

DECISION MAKING REPORT

Report for Delegated Decision

Item number: N/A

Title: Appointment of Spock Ltd to provide support services for ESOL activities.

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Ward(s) affected: N/A

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** Non Key

1. Describe the issue under consideration

Approval to implement Contract Standing Order 10.0.1 which provides that a waiver may be agreed if it is in the Council's overall interest.

Consultant cover is needed at Haringey Adult Learning Service (HALS) to provide project support to ensure continuity for the Ministry of Communities, Housing and Local Government (MCHLG) (ESOL) Coordination Project to transition into The ESOL Network - Haringey. The post will be for a time-limited transition period for the network, which supports organisations providing support for English second language speakers to access ESOL classes within the borough.

2. Recommendations

2.1 waive the requirement to tender under CSO 10.01.1 for HALS

2.2 award a contract to SPOCK Ltd to the value of £19,600 to provide project support services.

3. Reasons for decision

3.1 This contract is needed on the basis of urgency, specialist skills and value for money.

3.2 Urgency: No capacity at HALS in ESOL team to take this forward.

3.3 Specialist skills: Consultant worked with MCHLG on various projects and has sound knowledge of ESOL as well as experience of setting up a borough wide network. Is proficient with data and gathering intelligence, to support successful development of the project into a Haringey Council recognised and sustainable network.

3.4 Value for money: Consultant is familiar with work up to this point and can therefore progress the project with very limited support and preparation. Cost is covered by project funding.

4. Alternative options considered

4.1 Undertake a full procurement exercise – This is not recommended due to the resource cost in advertising or recruiting to a fixed term post, and the delay that would be incurred. There is an immediate need for this service and an individual has been identified with immediate availability who has the skills and knowledge required to cover the contract.

5. Contribution to strategic outcomes

5.1 Focus on migrant residents who stand to be disproportionately affected by economic downturn and this work contributes to Good Economy Recovery Plan through development of existing, proactive network.

5.2 Will support CLF and GLA work with similar boroughs on Single Point of Coordination for ESOL learners.

5.3 Network supports upskilling and capacity building (eg in assessment referral and accreditation) for third sector organisations who provide support e.g. finance, housing for specific language, country based and/or religious based groups, so they can improve their service and/or apply for funding related to ESOL specific needs.

6. Statutory Officers comments

N/A

7. Procurement comments

N/A

8. Use of Appendices

N/A

9. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A