


Haringey Council

Written Statement/Record of a decision made by an officer under delegated authority

Decision Maker (Post Title)	Head of Programme Management, Regeneration and Economic Development
Subject of the decision	Waiver of CSOs and contract award for the delivery of the 'Positive Activities for Young People project' by Wheely Tots in Broadwater Farm and Northumberland Park as part of the socio-economic regeneration programme.
Date of decision	20 th October 2021
Decision	Waiver of Contract Standing Order (CSO) 10.01.2 D and, in accordance with CSO 9.06.1 C, contract award to Wheely Tots for the 'Delivery of Positive Activities for Young People' project across Broadwater Farm and Northumberland Park as part of the socio-economic regeneration programme.
Reasons for the decision	<p>A contract was awarded to Wheely Tots on the 12th September 2019 to deliver the 'Delivery of Positive Activities for Young People' project.</p> <p>A new contract is now required under waiver of CSOs for an additional £21,667 in order for the work to continue uninterrupted for eight months while a procurement exercise is undertaken to seek a provider to complete the project for which the Council has a total budget of £130,000.</p> <p>This unique and bespoke programme was designed for Broadwater Farm and Northumberland Park specifically to build on the priorities identified through data analysis and Community Voting Days and in line with resident priorities. The focus for this phase of the socio-economic programme is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Employment and Skills Support. ○ Positive Activities for young people. <p>Wheely Tots has a strong track record in delivery in these areas and works with families to deliver social integration within a complex environment. They will work with young people utilising cycling as a tool to achieve the wider</p>

	outcomes for the young people, the Council and the local community.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision	<p>The Council could decide not to appoint the Wheely Tots, however, there are no other organisations who could provide these services immediately, and the Wheely Tots provided a compelling proposal and have a strong track record and experience of working with residents in these specific areas.</p> <p>This work cannot be delivered using existing officer resource.</p> <p>The Council could decide not to proceed with the project of the Positive Activity for young people, the Your Bike Project would be withdrawn from the programme of projects at BWF and NP, however this would cause a gap in services for young people and would not deliver against one of the two key, agreed priorities for the socio-economic programme.</p>
<u>Conflicts of interest – Executive decisions</u>	N/A
<u>Conflicts of interest – Non executive decisions</u>	N/A
Title of any document(s), including reports, considered by the officer and relevant to the above decision or where only part of the report is relevant to the above decision, that part)	N/A
Reasons for exemption with reference to categories of exemption specified overleaf, or	N/A
Signature of Decision Maker	
Name of Decision Maker	Liz Skelland, Head of Programme Management – Regeneration & Economic Development

<p>Does the decision need to be published?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox" value="Y"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
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DECISION REPORT

Report for Delegated decision by the Head of Programme Management, Regeneration and Economic Development

Item number: N/A

Title: Waiver of CSOs and contract award for delivery of 'Positive Activities for Young People' project by Wheely Tots in Northumberland Park and Broadwater Farm as part of the socio-economic regeneration programme

Report Authorised by: Helen McDonough, Head of Employment and Socio-Economic Regeneration

Lead Officer: Angharad Chapman, Socio-Economic Regeneration Manager

Ward(s) affected: Northumberland Park and West Green

Report for Key/ Non Key Decision: Non Key decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration

A contract was awarded to Wheely Tots on the 12th September 2019 to deliver the 'Delivery of Positive Activities for Young People' project, part of the Estate Regeneration Fund funded programme of socio-economic regeneration across Northumberland Park and Broadwater Farm.

Positive Activities for Young People sets out to deliver the following activities:

- Planning: using maps to plan a cycle route: getting outside, exploring the local area
- Comfort: how to make sure your bike is the right size: peer to peer work
- Mending: how to fix a bike and check it is safe to ride: fun and interactive
- Doing: taking part in a cycle trip: practical activity, using experience from sessions 1-3
- Sessions will be suitably adapted for those participants who do not wish to cycle

Key outcomes being sought include engaging total of 40 young people (unique participants) from each estate have contact with the Project and the development Theory of Change Tool developed that is updated quarterly.

A new contract is now required under waiver for £21,667 in order for the work to continue uninterrupted for eight months while a procurement exercise is completed to seek a provider to complete the project for which the Council has a total budget of £130,000.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

This report seeks the approval of the Head of Programme Management, Regeneration and Economic Development to:

- Waive Contract Standing Order (CSO) 10.01.2 D and, in accordance with CSO 9.06.1 C, to award a contract to Wheely Tots for £21,667 for the delivery of the 'Positive Activities for Young People project' while a procurement exercise is completed.

4. Reasons for decision

This is unique and bespoke programme designed specifically to build on the priorities identified through data analysis and Community Voting Day and in line with resident priorities, the focus for phase 2 is:

- o Employment and Skills Support.
- o Positive Activities for young people.

Wheely Tots has a strong track record in delivery and works with families to deliver social integration within a complex environment, they will work with young people utilising cycling as a tool to achieve the wider outcomes for the young people, the Council and the local community.

The Wheely Tots programme must proceed without pause, as this would result in significant lost opportunities to engage with Young People (YP) and other partners over the next period and potentially leave a gap in provision for YP in both Estates. The Wheely Tots is focussed on delivering not only cycle sessions but also connecting with partners to widen the participation amongst the YP in the community and increasing confidence via building bikes, improving mental and physical health, promoting the use of urban outdoor space and parks, providing core skills e.g. agility, balance, coordination, emotional intelligence and learning by doing and learning how to ask the right questions which will support a resilient community long term.

The Wheely Tots is a niche organisation who has spent time working in the local area and understands the need to bring together families from diverse backgrounds to help create a sense of community. Without this specialist knowledge and background, we would not be in a position to create a programme that promotes positive activities amongst YP in BWF and NP.

The relationship between Wheely Tots and the Council will be governed by a Service level Agreement (SLA) detailing expectations around key outcomes, the Theory of Change process, due diligence, staffing, termination, payment terms etc.

5. **Alternative options considered**

Undertake a full procurement exercise for local providers to bid for funding, they would be invited to bid to deliver Positive Activities for Young People across BWF and NP. The Council could decide not to appoint the Wheely Tots however as outlined above there are no other organisations who could provide this services immediately, the Wheely Tots provided a compelling proposal, this coupled with their track record in the borough gives the Council confidence that this funding will be well spent. This will ensure continuity of service delivery whilst a full procurement is undertaken.

There are no resources in house to deliver these activities.

The Council could dispense of the 'Positive Activity for young people' project and the Your Bike Project would be withdrawn from the socio-economic programme of projects at BWF and NP, but this would cause a gap in services for young people at a time of continued need to ensure support.

6. **Background information**

The Wheely Tots were appointed 12th September 2019 for a 1 year period through a waiver process to deliver Positive Activities for Young People across BWF and NP. Your Bike Project, the project developed by The Wheely Tots delivers a youth-led cycling project on Broadwater Farm and Northumberland Park, two estates in Haringey. Both are perceived as unsafe and unwelcoming as well as undergoing significant regeneration to improve provision.

Young people have voice their concerns about their environment and interest in creating a positive impact through physical activity.

Short term outcomes

- **Meet local families:** We have made the programme with residents, who've been telling us their stories and how they feel about the estate
- **Improved skills:**
- **Able to identify own assets:**

Medium term outcomes

Improved skills, able to skill others

Long term outcomes

Spending time with other residents in a shared activity leads to new contacts being made and social capital improved by confidence to make new connections.

Wheely Tots is a registered children's charity that believes all children and families should be healthy, confident and resilient. They facilitate community development through inclusive and friendly cycling events and sessions and support participants, volunteers and freelance sessions.

- There is an expectation that Wheely Tots would draw in additional funding to support this work, for example through the Laureus Foundation's 'East Haringey Model City' fund.
- There was a budget allocated for the project from the Estate Regeneration Fund, Payments were made quarterly in advance on receipt of the relevant monitoring and evaluation information.

7. Contribution to strategic outcomes

Haringey's Borough Plan Place Theme 'A place with strong, resilient and connected communities where people can lead active and healthy lives in an environment that is safe, clean and green'.

In line with the Employment and Skills Recovery Action Plan targeted support workstream, part of the wider Good Economy Recovery Plan published in 2020.

8. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)

N/A.

9. Use of Appendices

N/A.

10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 Categories of Exemption

N/A.