


## Haringey Council

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

<b>Decision Maker (Post Title)</b>	Head of Programme Management, Regeneration and Economic Development
<b>Subject of the decision</b>	Contract award to Inner Circle Consulting to support the development and submission of a bid to the Levelling Up Fund, Round 2.
<b>Date of decision</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
<b>Decision</b>	Direct award of a contract to Inner Circle to produce a bid submission for the Levelling Up Fund (LUF) Round 2 for a value of £32,331.00. This is in line with CSO 10.01.1(b).
<b>Reasons for the decision</b>	<p>A bid is required by the Government for the Levelling Up Fund, with a Round 2 deadline of 6<sup>th</sup> July. This presents a challenging timescale, as the Council intends to develop this in close consultation with key stakeholders and ensure broad support for the bid ahead of submission. This bid requires a strong and well-developed narrative, a comprehensive business case and full economic evidence base for a comprehensive bid with the maximum chance of success. It is expected that this funding round will be competitive, and successful bids from other boroughs, notably London boroughs, have made use of external advice to support and strengthen submissions, including detailed technical advice on investment multipliers and economic modelling. For this reason, it is considered essential to procure external resource to support officers in the preparation of the bid.</p> <p>Inner Circle are well experienced in the production of funding bids to Government, including supporting a very large successful bid in Round 1 of the fund. Aligned to successful experience of bid writing and project development, Inner Circle have the capacity and ability to mobilise quickly in initiating the work and completing the submission ahead of the funding deadline, responding to a strong desire to initiate and complete the work within the timescales and deadline of the external funding.</p>
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision</b>	<p>Do Nothing – The LUF Round 2 presents a huge opportunity for the Council with the potential to attract further funding to progress on project delivery and improve the existing services to the local community.</p> <p>Running a competitive tender exercise via an established procurement Framework or seeking three quotes, will delay the work required and most likely miss the deadline as the process can take up to three to four weeks. Providing a direct award to Inner Circle</p>

	will satisfy the requirements of the work required and give us confidence that they can deliver a successful bid within the timescales of the LUF Round 2.
<p><b><u>Conflicts of interest – Executive decisions</u></b></p> <p>Details of any conflict of interest declared by a Cabinet Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision and details of dispensation granted by the Council’s Head of Paid Service</p>	N/A
<p><b><u>Conflicts of interest – Non-executive decisions</u></b></p> <p>Where the decision is taken under an express delegation e.g. by a Committee, the name of any Member who declared a conflict of interest in relation to this matter at the committee meeting,</p>	N/A
<p>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)</p> <p>These documents need to be attached to the copy of this record/statement kept by the Authority but must not be published if they contain exempt information</p>	N/A
<p>Reasons for exemption with reference to categories of exemption specified overleaf or</p> <p>Reason why decision is confidential (see overleaf)</p> <p>Decisions containing exempt or confidential information falling within the categories specified overleaf are not required to be published.</p>	N/A
Signature of Decision Maker	
Name of Decision Maker	David Lee

**Does the decision need to be published?**

**Yes**

**No**