

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	Contract Award to Lavat Consulting Ltd. for tax advice pertaining to the High Road West development
Date of decision	24 th October 2023
Decision	In accordance with Contract Standing Orders 8.01 and 8.02, the Head of Programme Management, Regeneration and Economic Development, is requested to approve under their delegated authority, the direct award of the contract tax advice to Lavat Consulting Ltd. up to the value of £9,900.00
Reasons for the decision	<p>Early in 2023, the Council worked with Lendlease, its development partner, to revise and agree a new phasing programme for the High Road West development. As a result of the revised phasing, the conditions of the development agreement with Lendlease will need to be amended to accommodate changes in the phase lease structure, including a shorter lease term for Phase 1A so that they are consistent with the requirements of both parties and in line with the requirements of the GLA funding agreements.</p> <p>This commission will appoint Lavat Consulting Ltd. to act in an advisory capacity to the Council, to provide specialist tax advice that will enable the Council to make diligent decisions for the changes related to this immediate requirement and going forward towards making the development agreement unconditional and progressing works in relation to the Phase 1A lease. A direct award is considered to be the most expedient way to effectively commission an opportunity of this value.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision	An alternative option would be to competitively tender this opportunity. This option was rejected as Lavat Consulting Ltd. are well regarded specialists in this field. A direct award of this value is a compliant and efficient procurement method.
Conflicts of interest – Executive decisions	
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	n/a

Commented [MM1]: Just knowing that it's always useful to have scope in the budget - we always need tax advice so this will gradually get used up - can we extend to the higher amount

Conflicts of interest – Non-executive decisions	
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	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) 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	n/a
Reasons for exemption with reference to categories of exemption specified overleaf or Reason why decision is confidential (see overleaf) Decisions containing exempt or confidential information falling within the categories specified overleaf are not required to be published.	n/a
Signature of Decision Maker	
Name of Decision Maker	David Lee
Does the decision need to be published? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	