

MINUTES OF MEETING Cabinet Member Signing HELD ON Wednesday, 25th October, 2023, 2.30pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Dana Carlin

ALSO ATTENDING: Glenn Mason, Ayshe Simsek

9. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair referred to the notice of filming at meetings and this information was noted by attendees.

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest put forward.

12. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

13. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / PRESENTATIONS / QUESTIONS

There were no deputations, petitions or questions put forward.

14. EXPANSION OF AV SOLUTION

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Local Investment considered the report, which sought approval to vary a call-off contract entered between the London Borough of Haringey and Snelling Business Systems Ltd dated 1 December 2022 from the Audio-Visual Supplies, System Design Integration and Maintenance Framework, Lot 9A AVI2005 NE. The proposed variation would give the Council a mechanism to meet additional demand that had been identified across the Council's estate. The original contract was for the Alexandra House and 48 Station Road offices, the variation would allow Audio Visual solutions to be implemented across other sites in the Haringey borough.

The Cabinet Member noted that the variation would support continuation and accessibility of hybrid working in more council buildings such as George Meehan house and libraries and would respond to the council's 'new ways of working' policy.

The Cabinet Member advised that the AV provision should be for meeting spaces and to facilitate meetings of a number of staff.

The Cabinet Member noted that this decision was being funded by the capital budget, which would be closely monitored in the coming years, and stressed that there would need to be an effective strategy for allocation of the AV provision around the Council estate. This provision would likely be in demand and would need to be allocated as efficiently as possible.

It was agreed to share with the Cabinet Member a plan/ framework for allocation of AV across the Council estates. Assurance was given that allocations of AV provision would be according to an agreed criteria/ principles, which would be in accordance with the 'future ways of working' policy.

RESOLVED

To approve the variation of the current contract (as detailed in paragraph 1.1 of the attached report) by a value up to 50% of the total contract price which amounts to £393,000 and accordingly to align the original contract end date to 20th November 2026, in accordance with the authority provided to the Cabinet and its members under the Contract Standing Order 10.02.1.b.

Reasons for decision

To enable the continued adoption of flexible working, so that officers can work in and for the borough. The Audio-Visual equipment will continue to modernise office-meeting spaces and will enable greater cross-service collaboration and partnership working in variety of work settings.

The contract seeks to allow an extension of the flexible AV solution and meeting spaces to accommodate the council's short-term requirements aligned to the redevelopment of the Civic Centre for a modern workspace and accommodation strategy.

Alternative options considered

Do Nothing – Prohibits people from adopting flexible working

This would mean the Council would be left without suitable office workspace for its staff, and significant operational difficulties in achieving plans for more flexible working.

Ad-Hoc Audio-Visual Rollouts

A piecemeal approach from various suppliers is not realistic or appropriate in a context where the Council has set a core AV standard that aligns with the Council's technology e.g. Microsoft Teams.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date