

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	Request to extend the contract with 'Balaam Murphy' for additional work relating to 'Wood Green Central'
Date of decision	12 March 2024
Decision	For the Head of PMO, Regeneration & Economic Development to approve the extension of the contract with 'Balaam Murphy' for additional work relating to 'Wood Green Central' from a value of £48,750 to a new value of £72,800.
Reasons for the decision	<p>The Wood Green Central Delivery Plan is an essential part of the future regeneration of Wood Green. It will help identify priorities for eight of the council's assets in Wood Green</p> <p>The consultant has been instrumental in the development of the project programme to date, coordinating joint working across the council, advising on the strategic work programme and identifying work to be undertaken in-house, reducing the scope of a major commission, ultimately saving the council money.</p> <p>It is necessary to extend the consultant's contract, in order to keep supporting the council in its role as an informed client, overseeing the commissioning of a multi-disciplinary team and the authoring of a delivery plan for council assets in Wood Green.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision	Another option is to do nothing and continue with the commission of a multi-disciplinary team with the assistance of Balaam Murphy. However, as the council currently lacks this type of specialist resource in-house, there is a risk that the council's priorities for the delivery plan are not properly articulated which risks leading to abortive work at a later date, resulting in unsatisfactory outputs that do not deliver on the objectives of the initial vision for either project.
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	None

details of dispensation granted by the Council's Head of Paid Service	
<p><u>Conflicts of interest – Non executive decisions</u></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>	None
<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>	None
<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>	None
Signature of Decision Maker	
Name of Decision Maker	David Lee
<p>Does the decision need to be published</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	

Exempt Information

Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A

Part 1: Descriptions of Exempt Information

1. Information relating to any individual.
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5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes -
 - (a) To give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) To make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

Note: It is insufficient to simply identify a category of exemption, you must also conduct a public interest test on the basis specified in the Act as follows:
Information falling within categories 1-7 is exempt if and so long as in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Confidential Decisions

1. The decision contains information provided by a government department on a non-disclosure basis
2. There is a Court order against disclosure

DECISION MAKING REPORT

Report for: David Lee, Head of Programme Management, Regeneration and Economic Development

Item number: NA

Title: Wood Green Central Expert Consultancy Services Extension

Report authorised by: Pippa Gueterbock, Head of Area Regeneration, Wood Green

Lead Officer: Oliver Reinhold, Regeneration Manager (Sites), Wood Green

Ward(s) affected: Noel Park, Woodside

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

1. **Describe the issue under consideration**
Request to extend the contract amount under Contract Standing Order 10.1.02a, with 'Balaam Murphy' for additional work relating to 'Wood Green Central', a regeneration-based delivery plan.

2. **Cabinet Member Introduction**
N/A

3. **Recommendations**
For the Head of PMO, Regeneration & Economic Development to approve the extension of the contract with 'Balaam Murphy' for additional work relating to 'Wood Green Central' from a value of £48,750 to a new value of £72,800.

4. **Reasons for decision**

This decision will support the council to effectively client a complex delivery plan to look at a number of options for eight of its assets in Wood Green.

The consultant has been instrumental in the development of the project programme to date, coordinating joint working across the council, advising on the strategic work programme and identifying work to be undertaken in-house, reducing the scope of a major commission, ultimately saving the council money.

Detailed and thorough delivery planning on this project has taken more time than originally envisaged meaning the consultant's original contract has now

been fully invoiced. It is therefore necessary to extend the consultant's contract, in order to keep supporting the council in its role as an informed client, overseeing the commissioning of a multi-disciplinary team and the authoring of a delivery plan for council assets in Wood Green.

The Wood Green Central Delivery Plan is an essential part of the future regeneration of Wood Green. It will help identify priorities for eight of the council's assets in Wood Green, testing development quantum, viability of mixes and uses, and potential delivery routes. It will also test the viability of aspects of an ambitious placemaking-based transformation of Wood Green, called 'Shaping Wood Green', adopted by cabinet in April 2023.

5. Alternative options considered

Another option is to do nothing and continue with the commission of a multi-disciplinary team with the assistance of Balaam Murphy. However, as the council currently lacks this type of specialist resource in-house, there is a risk that the council's priorities for the delivery plan are not properly articulated which risks leading to abortive work at a later date, resulting in unsatisfactory outputs that do not deliver on the objectives of the initial vision for either project.

6. Background information

The purpose of the commission is to ensure that the strategically important 'Wood Green Central' sites are used to maximise the potential benefit to the council and residents of the borough to potentially deliver critical council and civic services, new jobs and homes, and promote good growth in Wood Green, and deliver public realm improvements around the sites in question, which will help to improve the overall economy and urban character of Wood Green.

The project has proceeded past Sites Gateway 0 and is now looking produce a Delivery Plan (of which a multi-disciplinary commission will provide the technical data for) which will enable the council to decide how best to use its assets in Wood Green once it consolidates its corporate estate on to the Civic Centre in 2026.

Balaam Murphy were originally appointed on a waiver in March 2022 for £48,750 for both the Wood Green Central project and Gourley Triangle project. This contract concluded in January 2024.

7. Contribution to strategic outcomes

The Wood Green Central Project has an ambition that will contribution to several of the Corporate Delivery Plan's priorities as the project will aim to improve the local economy, public realm, resident's interaction with the council, have the potential for council housing, and to improve the way the council delivers its public services.

A Cabinet decision in October 2021 called for a ‘feasibility and delivery strategy’ to lay out a plan to take the sites in question forward. This project will develop a Delivery Plan to satisfy this request. Balaam Murphy will enable the council to act as an informed client to ensure that its strategic priorities are met.

A Cabinet decision in April 2023 adopted ‘Shaping Wood Green’ as the council’s placemaking vision for Wood Green. Wood Green Central will help the council to plan how to deliver major aspects of this vision.

8. Budget

The funding for the project is to come from the Wood Green Capital Budget (459). There is sufficient budget left for this financial year and next, to cover this extension.

9. Procurement Process

The consultants were originally procured via a waiver in 2022 to provide strategic development advice on both Wood Green Central and Gourley Triangle. Balaam Murphy were selected as they were able to provide the specialist expert advice required, due to the consultancy’s previous experience working in the public sector, including the strategic development of council accommodation workstreams in other London boroughs. They are able to combine both master-planning, urban design, and commercial considerations to guide the development of both projects. As Balaam Murphy offer a rare and specific skillset that is not easily replicated, it was recommended that they were appointed through via waiver.

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10. Statutory Officers comments

SSC Procurement

"The SSC notes the contents of the report and has no objections to the recommendations laid out at section 3 of the report under 10.01.2a.

Finance

This report seeks to approve the extension of the contract with ‘Balaam Murphy’ for additional work relating to ‘Wood Green Central’ from a value of £48,750 to a new value of £72,800.

There is sufficient money within capital scheme 459 - Wood Green Regen Sites to meet the additional cost of £24,050 proposed in this report.

Legal

Not Required

11. Use of Appendices
None

12. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
None

Important Additional Guidance on Accessibility

- Documents must be available for Councillor Hearn at the **same time** as for all other Councillors
- The council's primary typeface, Helvetica, should be used for all reports and accompanying documents, size 12 preferred (Arial font is also acceptable)
- Text should be as plain as possible with no boxes around it, Microsoft Word is preferred, not PDF, and no abbreviations (such as Cllr.) and try to keep symbols to minimal use
- Roman numerals are not suitable for a person using a screen reader so please use normal paragraph numbering/ lettering and bullet points where necessary
- Reports should be written without images, however, where images are used, report authors must provide a text alternative in all cases (a short paragraph explaining what the graphs, table, pictures etc are showing). Detailed examples can be provided by contacting Natalie.layton@haringey.gov.uk
- Appendices
 - All of the above applies for appendices and report authors should avoid including lengthy PDF documents as part of the report
 - In some cases an executive summary could be more appropriate if Councillor Hearn is on the committee
- Presentations – if Powerpoints are to be used then a Word version must be submitted in advance of the meeting (and at the same time it is made available to all other members)
- The Democratic Services Team will not accept reports which are not in an accessible format.
- In the rare event that a document is not in a fully accessible format the report author must submit, by the same report deadline, an accessible version for Councillor Hearn (if she is on the relevant committee)
- Plain text documents should be saved with document names including "DATE TITLE COUNCILLOR HEARN PLAIN TEXT"

Categories of Exemption

Exempt information means information falling within the following categories:

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Part 2

Qualifications to the above exempt information:

- (a) Information falling within paragraph 3 above is not exempt information under that paragraph if it is required under – (a) the Companies Act 1985 (b) the Friendly Societies Act 1974 (c) The Friendly Societies Act 1992 (d) The Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 – 1978 (e) the Building Societies Act 1986 (f) The Charities Act 1993.
- (b) Information is not exempt information if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992.
- (c) Information which – (i) falls within any of paragraphs 1-7 above; and (ii) is not prevented from being exempt under (a) or (b) above is exempt information if and so long as, in the opinion of the Monitoring Officer, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.