

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 for Haringey Play Association to deliver Northumberland Park Forest Schools provision in Northumberland Park as part of the Estate Regeneration Fund (ERF) socio-economic regeneration programme.
Date of decision	12 th October 2023
Decision	For the Head of Programme Management – Regeneration and Economic Development to award a contract to Haringey Play Association for the Delivery of Northumberland Park Forest Schools part of the ERF Socio Economic Programme at a total cost of £15,000. This is in accordance with Contract Standing Order (CSO) 8.03.
Reasons for the decision	The Programme is integral to the physical and social development of Northumberland Park as Haringey Play Association will engage with communities and other local partners to deliver a range of <i>forest activities</i> for young people outside school times and trips to the Forests in Cheshunt and Lee Valley in the school holidays.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision	Do nothing - If the council were to adopt a do nothing approach it would have a detrimental impact on the ERF (this fund is time limited) and the council's ability to deliver activities for young people a key component of the ERF socio-economic outputs in Northumberland Park.

<p><u>Conflicts of interest — Executive decisions</u></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>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><u>Conflicts of interest — Nonexecutive 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>	<p>N/A</p>
<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These documents need to be attached to the copy of this record/statement kept by the Authority but must not be published if they contain exempt information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>	<p>N/A</p>
<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>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Signature of Decision Maker</p>	
<p>Name of Decision Maker</p>	<p>Head of Programme Management — Regeneration and Economic Development</p>
<p>Does the decision need to be published?</p> <p>Yes X</p>	

No

DECISION REPORT

Report for: _____ Head of Programme Management —
Regeneration & Economic Development

Item number: N/A

Title: Contract award for **Delivery of Northumberland Park Forest Schools.**

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

Lead Officer: Angharad Chapman, Socio-Economic Regeneration Manager.

Ward(s) affected: Bruce Grove Ward

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

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1. To award a contract to Haringey Play Association for the delivery of **Northumberland Park Forest Schools** as part of the ERF Socio Economic Programme.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. For the Head of Programme Management – Regeneration and Economic Development to award a contract to Haringey Play Association for the **Delivery of Northumberland Park Forest Schools** as part of the ERF Socio Economic Programme at a total cost of £15,000. This is in accordance with Contract Standing Order (CSO) 8.03.

3. Reasons for decision

- 3.1. The Programme is integral to the physical and social development of Northumberland Park as Haringey Play Association will engage with communities and other local partners to deliver a range of *forest activities* for young people outside school times and trips to the Forests in Cheshunt and Lee Valley in the school holidays.

4. Procurement Approach

- 4.1. In accordance with CSO 8.03 competitive quotes were sourced from three potential providers. Three consultants were invited to submit a Request for Quotation (RFQ) through the HPCS portal.

- 4.2. Although three consultants were invited to submit a Request for Quotation (RFQ), only one consultant submitted a response. Despite there being only one bid, Haringey Play Association submission was scored to ensure that this still met our benchmark standard for quality, and that the costs were within the contract parameters.

	Consultant	QDP %	Price %	Total
	Haringey Play Association	55%	30%	85%

- 4.3. From their quotation response and also known experience of running similar successful projects, we are confident in awarding Haringey Play Association this contract.

5. Alternative options considered

- 5.1. Do Nothing - If the council were to adopt a do nothing approach it would have a detrimental impact on the ERF (this fund is time limited) and the council's ability to deliver our ERF youth focused socio-economic outputs in Northumberland Park. This would risk leaving a gap in socio-economic delivery at a pertinent time when engagement and community development is fundamental to the wider physical improvement Programme in Northumberland Park.

6. Background

- 6.1. In March 2017 the Department for Communities & Local Government (DLCG) awarded £2.371m of Estate Regeneration Funding (ERF) to Haringey Council. The award included £1.5 million for socio-economic projects on Broadwater Farm and Northumberland Park Estates and was delivered across three phases. The purpose of the fund was to facilitate close working relationships with residents, putting them at the heart of shaping programmes and identifying priorities.
- 6.2. Northumberland Park is one of the most deprived wards in London with limited facilities and provisions available for young people. Furthermore, the financial circumstances for the majority of families in the area prevent young people from being able to access affordable positive activities.
- 6.3. The Socio- Economic Team are leading on a series of initiatives to improve socio-economic outcomes for the local people of North Tottenham that align with community needs and the Councils strategic priorities as set out in Opportunity Haringey and the Corporate Delivery Plan.
- 6.4. This programme is integral to the physical and social development of Northumberland Park as Haringey Play Association will engage with communities and other local partners to deliver a range of provision for young people including:
- Forest Schools Fridays to take place term-time 3pm-6pm from September 22nd, 2023, to March 29th, 2024.
 - Trips to Forests in Cheshunt and Lee Valley in school holidays.
 - young people will engage in the creation and engagement for the promotion of the programme.
 - Young people will develop and lead elements of the forest school program with guidance.

- 6.5. The total cost for the provision of this service for six months is £15,000 and is funded through the ERF to be spent by the end of March 2024.
- 6.6. The aim is that this programme will help reduced antisocial behavior in the area, support good outcomes for young people and encourage positive cohesion.

7. Contribution to strategic outcomes

- 7.1. There is a strong focus on Children and Young People in the Haringey Manifesto. With a pledge to support young people throughout every stage of their life, making sure that they get the very best start right from their early life.

Ensuring opportunities and participation in civic life for all our young people

- 7.2. Furthermore, this commission will support the strategies in line with the Employment and Skills Recovery Action Plan targeted support workstream, part of the wider Good Economy Recovery Plan published in 2020.
- 7.3. Children and Young People is one of the eight key themes within the Corporate Delivery Plan. The Haringey Play Association commissioned programme will contribute significantly to all three outcomes outlined in the plan.

The outcomes in this theme are:

A Best Start in Life - The first few years of every Child's life will give them the Long-term foundation to thrive

Happy Childhoods - All children across the borough will be happy and healthy as They grow up, feeling safe and secure in their family networks and communities

Successful Futures - Every young person, whatever their background, has a pathway to success for the future

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

8.1. Procurement

No comment needed as below £50,000

8.2. Finance

No comment needed as below £50,000

8.3. Legal

No comment needed

9. Use of Appendices

- None

10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- Not applicable