

DECISION REPORT

Report for: Robbie Erbmann, Delivery Director, Capital Projects and Property

Item number: N/A

Title: Request to approve a contract variation under 10.02.1 (a) as allowed under CSO 10.02.2 (d) (ii) for extended Architect and Principal designer services provided by Weston Rengifo Architects Practice Limited (WR-AP) for the G&T site Brookside Green

Report authorised by: Jack Goulde, Head of Development.

Lead Officer: Kinta Marna, Housing Development Project Manager.

Ward(s) affected: West Green

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

1. Describe the issue under consideration.

1.1 This report seeks approval for a contract variation for additional Architect and Principal Designer services fees to the value of £14,500 from the previously agreed fee of £24,000 from Weston Rengifo Architects Practice Limited (WR-AP) for the G&T site Brookside Green housing project.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Delivery Director approves a variation of the contract with WR-AP to increase the value by £14,500 (inclusive of all expenses and disbursements) to complete the Architect services role at the above site under Contract Standing Order 10.02.1(a). The revised overall cumulative value of the contract is therefore, £38,500 plus VAT.

3. Reasons for decision

3.1 The original tender for Architect and Principal Designer services took place in August 2025, covering a period of 3 months to design the scheme up to planning. Due to the limited literature available and the contentious nature of the project, there have been delays to the programme as additional works, research, and consultations were required to design a compliant scheme.

3.2 The additional fees are necessary to complete the design works.

4. Alternative options considered.

4.1 The Council could re-tender these services for the remainder of the project, however this option was rejected because it would likely result in higher fees through the re-tendered route and a lack of continuity.

5. Background

- 5.1. The original tender for Architect and Principal Designer services took place in August 2025, covering a period of 3 months to design the scheme up to planning. A single quote was obtained as the contract remained under the £25,000 threshold.
- 5.2. WR-AP agreed to provide Architect and Principal Designer services £24,000 + VAT in August 2025, and to follow the Council's tight deadline for this project.
- 5.3. Additional works on the project were required to make the scheme compliant with the G&T provision as well as extensive consultation with internal stakeholders.

6. Contribution to strategic outcomes

- 6.1 The recommendations in this report will support the delivery of the Housing Priority in the new Borough plan, which sets out in its first outcome that "We will work together to deliver the new homes Haringey needs, especially new affordable homes". Within this outcome, the Borough Plan sets the aim to "Ensure that new developments provide affordable homes with the right mix of tenures to meet the wide range of needs across the borough, prioritising new social rented homes".
- 6.2 In particular, the recommendations in this report are explicitly about delivering the aim "to deliver 3,000 new council homes at council rents by 2031". The proposals in this report contribute directly to the strategic outcomes on new housing supply that are at the core of the aims of the Council as expressed in the Borough Plan.

7. Statutory Officers comments

7.1 Legal

Not required as per s22.2 of Haringey's Procurement Code of Practice

7.2 Equalities

Not required as per s22.2 of Haringey's Procurement Code of Practice

8. Finance comments

Finance acknowledges the recommendation to vary the contract awarded to WR-AP to include additional services due to delays associated with the current contract.

The cost of the additional services required is valued at £14,500, increasing the total contract value to £38,500.

Finance confirms there is provision within the HRA business plan for this scheme and the total contract value can be contained within the HRA.

9. SSP comments

10. Use of Appendices

n/a

11. Background papers

n/a