

Croydon Council

REPORT TO:	CABINET 16 November 2015
AGENDA ITEM:	12.1
SUBJECT:	Investing in our borough
LEAD OFFICER:	Sarah Ireland, Director of Strategy Communities and Commissioning
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor Simon Hall Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury
WARDS:	All
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: Effective outcome based commissioning and prudent financial transactions contribute to all corporate priorities.	
AMBITIOUS FOR CROYDON & WHY ARE WE DOING THIS: The Council's commissioning strategy (2012 -2015) sets out the approach to commissioning and procurement and puts delivery of outcomes at the heart of the decision making process. As the Council develops more diverse service delivery models, it is important to ensure that our contractual and partnership relationships are not only aligned to our corporate priorities but also represent value for money for citizens and taxpayers, contributing to the growth agenda for Croydon. The contracts (awarded or recommended for award) and partnership arrangements included in this report will support the Council to achieve the Ambitious for Croydon outcome " <i>to be innovative and enterprising in using available resources to change lives for the better.</i> "	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY: There are no direct costs arising from this report.	
KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: There are key decisions mentioned in this report, but the recommendations in Section 1 of the report are not key decisions.	

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out in the recommendations below

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Cabinet is asked to agree that the Assistant Chief Executive Corporate Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury be delegated authority to:
 - 1.1.1 approve the continuation of the Insurance London Consortium arrangements by way of the Council entering into a new agreement under s.101 of the Local Government Act 1972 for that purpose, for a further term of five years with the London Boroughs of Camden, Haringey, Harrow, Islington, Lambeth, Sutton, Tower Hamlets, and the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames;

- 1.1.2 approve that the London Borough of Croydon continues to act as the Accountable Body for those purposes including the finalisation of the new s.101 Agreement.
- 1.2 The Cabinet is requested to note:-
- 1.2.1 The list of delegated award decisions made by the Director of Strategy Communities and Commissioning, between 30/09/2015 and 19/10/2015
- 1.2.2 Contract awards recommended to the Cabinet for approval which are the subject of a separate agenda item and referenced in section 4.2 of this report.
- 1.2.3 Partnership arrangements under the Council's statutory powers requiring recommendation to the Cabinet for approval which are the subject of a separate agenda item and referenced in section 4.3 of this report

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 This is a standard report which is presented to the Cabinet, for information, at every scheduled Cabinet meeting to update Members on:
- Contracts anticipated to be awarded under delegated authority from the Leader by the nominated Cabinet Member, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury and with the Leader in certain circumstances, before the next meeting of Cabinet. As at the date of this report there are none;
 - Delegated contract award decisions made by the Director of Strategy Communities and Commissioning since the last meeting of the Cabinet;
 - Contract awards to be agreed by the Cabinet at this meeting which are the subject of a separate agenda item;
 - Partnership arrangements to be agreed by the Cabinet at this meeting which are the subject of a separate agenda item;
 - Delegated award decisions made by the nominated Cabinet Member and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury in respect to the Revolving Investment Fund (RIF) since last reported to Cabinet. As at the date of this report there are none;
 - Property acquisitions and disposals to be agreed by the Cabinet or the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury (as appropriate) either as part of this agenda or before the next meeting of Cabinet. As at the date of this report there are none.
- 2.2 This report additionally seeks approval of a delegation to enable continuation of the insurance consortium arrangements through which the Council procures relevant insurance cover.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 Further to a recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee on 15 September 2010, the Cabinet Member for Housing, Finance and Asset Management approved the establishment of the Insurance London Consortium (ILC) under S101(5) of the Local Government Act 1972. The ILC coordinates market engagement of insurance services, including procurement activity, but each Council enters into separate contracting arrangements. Utilising the combined purchasing powers of the constituent members, the ILC has secured competitive rates for insurance cover over its initial term and has achieved efficiencies through pooling of resources and shared professional fees. In addition it has provided opportunities for collaboration and sharing of expertise across the nine local authorities.
- 3.2 Cabinet is asked to agree a delegation to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury in relation to the continuation of the Insurance London Consortium (ILC) beyond its initial five year term. A Section 101 agreement to jointly discharge functions covers these arrangements. This type of agreement is not a contract as envisaged by the existing delegations from the Leader to the Cabinet Member, hence a request for a specific delegation in this matter. Whilst in itself the renewal of the consortium arrangements is not a contractual matter, a number of insurance contract awards will flow from the arrangements.
- 3.3 Section 4.1 of this report lists the delegated award decisions made by the Director of Strategy, Communities and Commissioning, between 30/09/2015 to 19/10/2015.
- 3.4 Section 4.2 of this report lists the contract award recommended to the Cabinet for approval at this meeting. This contract award is the subject of a separate agenda item and is itemised in this report for information only.
- 3.5 Section 4.3 of this report lists the partnership arrangements recommended to the Cabinet for approval at this meeting. These partnership arrangements are the subject of separate agenda items and are itemised in this report for information only.
- 3.6 The Council's Procurement Strategy and Tenders & Contracts Regulations are accessible under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as part of the Council's Publication Scheme. Information requested under that Act about a specific procurement exercise or contract held internally or supplied by external organisations, will be accessible subject to legal advice as to its commercial confidentiality, or other applicable exemption, and whether or not it is in the public interest to do so.

4. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 Delegated award decisions made by the Director of Strategy Communities and Commissioning

4.1.1 Revenue and Capital consequences of delegated decisions made by the Director of Strategy, Communities and Commissioning for contract awards between £100k & £500k and contract extension awards (no limit to value) that were previously approved as part of the original contract award recommendation.

Contract Title	Contract Revenue Budget	Contract Capital Budget	Dept
Extension to Child Weight Management Contract for a term of 1 year	Total contract extension value £235,005		People
To deliver and enable the operation of *'meanwhile use' projects on vacant plots at London Road and around Reeves Corner for a total contract award value of £364,990 for 2015/16	£115,150	£249,840	Place
Contract Variation to Extend the Enforcement Agent Framework for a term of 1 year	No direct cost implication		Resources
Extension to Comensura Contract for the provision of a Managed Service for Temporary Agency Resources for a term of 1 year	Total contract extension value £19m		Resources

*Meanwhile Use turns empty spaces and places into opportunities for communities and businesses. It is the temporary use of buildings or land for a socially beneficial purpose until they can be brought back into commercial use.

4.2 Revenue and Capital consequences of contract award decisions to be taken by Cabinet which are the subject of a separate agenda item.

Contract Title	Contract Revenue Budget	Contract Capital Budget	Dept
Facilities Management Cleaning Services – award of Contract. Initial term of 3 years with options to extend for a further 2 years.	Total contract value £7.5m Approx. annual value £1.5m		Resources

4.3 Revenue and Capital consequences of decisions to be taken by Cabinet to establish partnership arrangements, which are the subject of a separate agenda item.

Partnership Arrangements	Partnership Revenue Budget	Partnership Capital Budget	Dept
Provision of Health Visiting and Family Nurse Partnership Services by way of an agreement between Croydon Council and Croydon Health Services (CHS) under Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006. Initial term of two years with options to extend for a further year	Total value £16.4m Approx. annual value £5.5m		People / Resources
Provision of School Aged Nursing (including the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) and Vision Screening) and Immunisations Services by way of an agreement between Croydon Council and Croydon Health Services (CHS) under Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006. Initial term of two years with options to extend for a further year	Total value £2.1m Approx. annual value £698,000		People / Resources

Approved by: Dianne Ellender, Head of Finance and Deputy Section 151 Officer

5. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

- 5.1 The Council Solicitor comments that the information in this report reflects the requirements of the Council's Tenders and Contracts Regulations and the council's Financial Regulations in relation to the acquisition or disposal of assets.
- 5.2 The partnership arrangements referred to for the purposes of this report are those entered into pursuant to statutory powers for the delivery of services.

Approved by: Gabriel Macgregor, Head of Corporate Law, on behalf of the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

6. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

- 6.1 There are no immediate HR issues that arise from the strategic recommendations in this report for LBC staff. Any specific contracts that arise as a result of this report should have their HR implications independently assessed by a senior HR professional.

Approved by: Michael Pichamuthu, Strategic HRBP on behalf of Heather Daley, Director of Human Resources.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT

- 7.1 An Equality Analysis process has been used to assess the actual or likely impact of the decisions related to contracts mentioned in this report and mitigating actions have been defined where appropriate.
- 7.2 The equality analysis for the contracts mentioned in this report will enable the Council to ensure that it meets the statutory obligation in the exercise of its functions to address the Public Sector equality duty (PSED). This requires public bodies to ensure due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity; foster good relations between people who share a "protected characteristic" and those who do not and take action to eliminate the potential of discrimination in the provision of services.
- 7.3 Any issues identified through the equality analysis will be given full consideration and agreed mitigating actions will be delivered through the standard contract delivery and reporting mechanisms.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 8.1 Any issues emerging in reports to the relevant Cabinet member will require these considerations to be included as part of the standard reporting requirements, and will not proceed without full consideration of any issues identified.

9. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

9.1 Any issues emerging in reports to the relevant Cabinet Member will require these considerations to be included as part of the standard reporting requirements, and will not proceed without full consideration of any issues identified.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

There are none