

# WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

## STATEMENT OF DECISION

**SUBJECT: DIRECT AWARD FOR INTERIM CONTRACTS FOR LEARNING DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION BASED SERVICES**

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Voluntary Sector, has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

### Summary of Decision

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Voluntary Sector has:

1. Approved the direct award of contracts for the 4 services confirmed below from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025, with a break clause at 30 September 2024:
  - ii) Elmfield Way – Yarrow
  - iii) Cambridge Gardens – London Cyrenians
  - iv) Queens Park – First and Fifth Avenue – Yarrow
  - v) Lapworth Court – Support for Living / Certitude.
2. Noted the expenditure from 1 April 2023 to 31 January 2024. The existing contracts expired on 31 March 2023 therefore the current suppliers are working at risk.
3. Approve a waiver of the Procurement Code from the requirement to undertake a competitive tendering exercise in order to directly award the aforementioned contracts.

### Reasons for Decision

The Council has a statutory duty under the Care Act 2014 to:

- Ensure appropriate personalised care and support to meet the individual assessed needs of Service Users
- Maximise independence, focusing on choice and control for people in receipt of Learning Disability Services
- Ensure consistency and continuity of care, minimising service disruption for vulnerable adults with learning disabilities living in the community.

These direct awards will meet these aims and provide the necessary time to complete the development of a framework for the tendering of these services.

Under the Council's Scheme of Delegation, a Cabinet Member Decision is required due to the value of the contracts.

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