

NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN

GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE

DETAILS OF DECISION	
Title of Report	Gateway 1 – Provision of Mental Health Homelessness Hostels
Description/Nature of matter requiring Key Decision	Report seeking approval for the procurement of the delivery of homelessness hostel services for people with mental health issues
Decision taker	Strategic Director Children’s and Adults’ Services
Date by which Key Decision must be taken	October 2022
Reason why it was impracticable for decision to be on the Forward Plan	The council funds 3 hostels for people with Mental Health problems. The support function of these hostels are currently delivered by an organisation called Look Ahead and their current contracts are due to expire on 31 March 2023. Look Ahead sent notification that they will be exiting these contracts on 16 December 2022. The report proposes that the hostels will transfer from Look Ahead to the council and sit within Housing and Modernisation. Southwark needs to complete due diligence with aspects such as TUPE, mechanical and electrical systems surveys and agreeing occupation agreements with landlords if these are to be insourced. Given the relatively short timelines due to the notice given by Look Ahead, this will reduce the time needed to seek formal approval to insource these services and allow officers to complete the essential tasks to safely insource this provision and have continuity of care for the residents of these hostels.
Reason why the decision cannot wait for inclusion in the next Forward Plan	The next Forward Plan to be published will be the December 2022 Forward Plan. Plans for a safe and successful transfer of the support for residents in the hostels and the staff who support the residents need to start as soon as possible. This key-decision needs to be taken this month.
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