

NOTIFICATION OF SPECIAL URGENCY DECISION

(Decisions either included or not included on the Forward Plan and need to be taken within five clear working days can only be taken if the decision taker obtains the agreement of the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee that the decision cannot be reasonably deferred)

ORIGINATOR'S DETAILS

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DETAILS OF THE REPORT

Title and brief description of the nature of the business to be considered

Gateway 2 - Contract Award Approval – Southwark Works Framework Appointment and initial Call-off Contracts approval


Southwark Works is the council's longstanding employment support service; providing support to residents furthest from the labour market back into work or into better work. The Framework is divided into 'lots' with each provider specialising in supporting residents with different needs or barriers, such as mental health, homelessness or disability. The service is key to delivery of the Council Delivery Plan commitments on supporting residents into jobs.

The decision will appoint providers to the Framework and award initial call-off contracts.

Special urgency is requested due to unforeseen delays in the procurement process. The decision needs to be made on the 17th May in order to give the existing and recommended new providers adequate and appropriate time to fulfil their TUPE obligations.

The decision cannot reasonably be deferred as delay in the decision making process will mean the council will not be able to meet important TUPE obligations in a reasonable timeframe which carries a number of related consequences such as cost and impact on personnel. There could feasibly also be an impact upon the jobs of those employees of the current Southwark Works providers subject to TUPE.

Date decision to be taken on 17th May 2023

Special Urgency Notice cleared by: Stephen Gaskell - Assistant Chief Executive - Strategy and Communities	
Chief Officer / Director	
Date	17/05/23

Declaration

I agree/~~disagree~~* with the Chief Officer/Head of Service that the proposed decision is reasonable and that it can be treated as a matter of urgency.

Signed...Cllr Ian Wingfield Dated...17/05/23.

Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee/~~Mayor/Deputy Mayor~~*

* delete as appropriate

Please note reasons for refusal, additional points or further action required (as appropriate) N/A

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