

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION FOR URGENT IMPLEMENTATION

(Decision either included or not included on the current Forward Plan but needs to be implemented immediately by virtue of the urgency of the actions that need to be undertaken. This decision will not be subject to call-in.)

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 (GW) 2 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
Buses Contract Award**

On 10 July 2023, a GW1 procurement strategy report was approved by cabinet and one of the recommendations included delegation of the decision to award the contract to the Strategic Director, Children and Adult Services, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Refugees. One of the reasons for requesting this delegation was to ensure the contract could be awarded before 1 September 2023.

The existing contract for SEND Buses is delivered by Health Care and Transport Services (HATS) and this is due to expire on 31 August 2023.

The council has a statutory duty to provide travel assistance to and from educational establishments for eligible children and young people, in line with the Southwark Travel Assistance Policy.

The decision on the GW2 was scheduled to be implemented in August 2023 before the proposed new contract start date of 1 September 2023.

The urgency for this decision is that the provider needs to secure leases on the vehicles required to deliver the service before the end of July 2023. If these leases are not secured in advance of the contract start date this could lead to increased costs of 25%.

Date decision to be taken on: 28/07/2023

Urgent implementation notice cleared by: **David Quirke-Thornton, Strategic Director, Children and Adult Services**

Chief Officer / Director



Date

24.07.23

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.

Reason for refusal

Signed.......... Dated..... 25.7.23.....

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

* delete as appropriate

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

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