

Record of Officer's Decision

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Date of Decision:	3/3/26
Decision Maker (Officer):	Lee Heley, Deputy Chief Executive & Corporate Director, Place and Wellbeing
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	Part 3, Schedule 3 – Responsibility for Executive Functions delegated to Officers paragraph 4.3 (1) – the Corporate Director has delegated authority to discharge executive functions within their respective service areas (Part 3.43). All delegations are subject to consultation where considered appropriate in the circumstances (paragraph 4.3 (4(ii))). Officer Decision 10/2/26 to enter a Service Level Agreement with Public Practice to recruit two new project managers
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance & Governance Deputy leader of the Council and Portfolio for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism
Ward Member(s) consulted?	N/A
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	To enter a grant agreement and accept grant funding to the sum of £40,000 offered by the Improvement and Development Agency for Local Government, (IDeA) a company registered in England and Wales with company registration 3675577, whose registered office is at Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ. The grant funding relates to bursary funds from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), distributed by IDeA, to the Council to part-pay the core salary of a PUBLIC PRACTICE Associate.
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to	On 10 th February 2026, a Service Level Agreement was entered with Public Practice to facilitate the

support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	recruitment of two new Public Practice Associates, to provide improved resourcing on the Local Regeneration Fund projects in the next stages of delivery. As part of this recruitment, the Council has reached agreement with Public Practice to access funding from MHCLG, administered by IDeA, which will provide a part contribution to the cost of one of the project manager posts covered by the earlier decision. At present resource for the LRF projects is being capitalised, therefore external funding for this resource will ensure additional funding can be utilised for the construction budget.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	Entering this agreement will enable the Council to access funding to support project management capacity on significant capital projects including the Local Regeneration Fund. The grant agreement restricts the use of the funding to: - Funding [...] to pay for [...] a portion of the salary, of a placemaking officer within the Grant Recipient's [...] other relevant team, [...] for a fixed term [...]; The Grant must be used solely for the above purposes and in accordance with the terms set out in this Agreement. Any alternative use of the Grant requires prior written consent from IDeA. The funding will be made in a single payment. The Grant should appear in the Grant Recipient accounts as a restricted fund and must not be included under general funds. The Council is expected to keep records of how the funding has been used.
NEW : Details of Local Government Reorganisation and/or Devolution considerations	This decision and the agreement are time-limited which will conclude prior to the timescales of LGR. The related post is fixed term and not subject to TUPE.
Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	Option 1 – To enter this agreement: this enables the Council to access funding contribution from MHCLG for a Public Practice post within the authority Option 2 – Not to enter this agreement: this would forfeit the funding.
Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the	N/A

officer, which related to the decision) If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer:		
Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published: <i>Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,</i> <u>and</u> <i>Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of disclosure).</i>	✓	Not applicable – Decision to be published
	If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:	
		The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information
		The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:
		• Relates to an individual
		• Likely to reveal the identity of an individual
		• Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation
		• Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings
		• Reveals that the Council proposes to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or to make an order or direction under any enactment
		• Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime
<u>And</u> is exempt if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information Reasons: [insert]		

Officers

Signed:

Title: Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director
for Place & Wellbeing

In consultation with:

Signed:

Title: Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance & Governance

Dated:

Signed: Title: Deputy leader of the Council and Portfolio for Economic Growth,
Regeneration and Tourism

Dated:

Signed: Title: Corporate Director - Finance and IT

Dated: