

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families, Councillor Kate Lymer has made the following executive decision:

SECURE CHILDREN'S HOME FOR LONDON AND PAN-LONDON COMMISSIONING VEHICLE

Reference Report:

Secure Children's Home for London and Pan-London Commissioning Vehicle

App. 1 - PLV Legal Structure and Membership

App. 2 - Financial Modelling for the SCH and PLV

Briefing for London Local Authority Leaders and Lead Members for Children

Decision:

That the Local Authority becomes a member of a not-for-profit company, limited by guarantee, provisionally to be known as the Pan London Vehicle, to:

- a) Develop and then oversee the running of London's secure children's home provision for a five-year period from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2028, with a break-point after three years once the refreshed business case has been developed as well as the service pricing structure, commissioning approach, operating model, practice model and the secure children's home's location is confirmed. Once the provision has launched, membership will be at a fixed annual cost of £20K (subject to inflation adjustment), unless an alternative model for funding the Pan London Vehicle, that does not require annual subscription, is agreed by members during the development phase; and,
- b) Collaborate with other Pan London Vehicle members on future joint commissioning programmes.

That the Local Authority commits in principle to joint oversight and risk/benefit sharing of the secure children's home provision, through the Pan London Vehicle, for a five-year period to 31st March 2028 (with three-year break point), that includes the build, service development and service commissioning phases, subject to ratification after the revision of the secure children's home business case, and renewable on a ten yearly cycle thereafter, with break-point after five years; and,

That authority be delegated to the Director of Children, Education and Families in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Council's Monitoring Officer to:

- a) Finalise the legal documents required to set up, join and run the Pan London Vehicle; and,
- b) Make the final determination on the Council's membership of the Pan London Vehicle, following completion of the revised secure children's home business case and, if appropriate, enter into all the legal agreements, contracts and other documents on behalf of the Council required to implement and run any aspect of the Pan London Vehicle arrangements.

Reasons:

There is a significant shortage of secure children’s home provision for children with particularly complex needs, including no provision based in London. The Pan-London Vehicle, jointly owned by the London local authorities will oversee the development and running of a new secure children’s home provision in the London region as well as share the risks and benefits associated with this provision. London local authorities who have joined the Pan-London Vehicle will be given priority for places at the new provision and the Pan-London Vehicle will also provide a mechanism by which to develop other key pan-London commissioning arrangements to improve the lives of London’s children and young people.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children, Education and Families PDS Committee on 1 February 2023 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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