



## **PUBLICATION OF DECISION LIST NUMBER 48/21-22**

### **MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/22**

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This document lists the Decisions that have been taken by the Council, which require publication in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000. The list covers Key, Non-Key, Council and Urgent Decisions. The list specifies those decisions, which are eligible for call-in and the date by which they must be called-in.

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– Claire Johnson (ext.1154)

*Phone 020 8132 then extension number indicated*

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<b>DECISIONS</b>								
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**LIST REFERENCE: 1/48/21-22**

<b>SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:</b>							
PAYMENT MERCHANT ACQUIRER							
<b>Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph )</b>	<b>Wards affected by decision</b>	<b>Decision taken by</b>	<b>Date Decision comes into effect</b>	<b>Interest declared in respect of the Decision</b>	<b>Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Eligible for Call-in &amp; Date to be called in by</b>
Part 1	N/a	Executive Director of Resources	N/a	None	<b>KD 5381</b>	<b>Roger McClean Exchequer Manager (Payments &amp; Revenue)</b>	Friday 11 February 2022
<b>DECISION</b>							
<p>Agreed, subject to call in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To seek approval to award a contract to GPUK LLP trading as Global Payments, calling off from the Crown Commercial Services (CCS) Framework (RM6118) for the annual contract price set out in the confidential Appendix B for a contract period of 3 years plus 1.</li> </ul>							
<b>OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>							
<p>There is an alternative method of the Council receiving customer card payments by using what is known as a third-party processor instead of a merchant acquirer. The disadvantage of using a third-party processor is they are too vigilant in guarding the risk profile of their merchant accounts. They tend to hold, freeze, or terminate a merchant's account whenever they detect any unusual activity, such as attempts to process a single transaction that's much larger than what the merchant typically averages.</p> <p>In practice this could mean the disruption of the Council receiving customer payments promptly. There are no third-party processor suppliers on the CCS framework.</p>							
<b>REASONS FOR PROPOSAL</b>							
<p>The Council's current merchant acquiring provider is GPUK LLP trading as Global Payments). The contract expired on 31st March 2021 however the contract allowed for a 2-year extension option which expires on 31st March 2023.</p> <p>In February 2020 CCS awarded a framework agreement for merchant acquiring and gateway services which could be used by local authorities. The Framework has 3 suppliers; GPUK LLP trading as Global Payments, Worldpay and Barclaycard.</p> <p>In order to make an informed decision, a review of the procurement options was undertaken. Extend the existing arrangements with GPUK LLP trading as Global Payments, consider a new framework agreement or undertake a formal tender process.</p>							

To ensure due diligence and value for money, banking experts 'Focus on Banking' were asked to advise the Council. Existing tariffs/costs were reviewed and compared to the most competitive tariffs that could be achieved, either through a full tender or by direct award via a framework agreement.

GPUK LLP trading as Global Payments. were assessed as the most viable and cost-effective provider. A direct award to GPUK LLP trading as Global Payments via the CCS Framework was the most appropriate option and, based on current tariffs would save the Council approximately £75,000 based on current contract fees over the life of the new contract.

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available on the Council's democracy pages.

**LIST REFERENCE: 2/48/21-22**

<b>SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:</b>							
NORTH MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL ACTIVE TRAVEL IMPROVEMENTS							
<b>Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph )</b>	<b>Wards affected by decision</b>	<b>Decision taken by</b>	<b>Date Decision comes into effect</b>	<b>Interest declared in respect of the Decision</b>	<b>Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Eligible for Call-in &amp; Date to be called in by</b>
1	N/a	Deputy Leader of the Council	14 February 2022	None	KD 5372	Richard Eason Healthy Streets Programme Director	11 February 2022
<b>DECISION</b>							
<p>Agreed, subject to call in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The that design shown at Annex 1 of the report is implemented on a permanent basis.</li> <li>That the necessary permanent traffic orders are made based on the draft traffic orders TG52 / 1483 which were advertised on 6th October 2021 and are included at Appendix 1 of the report.</li> </ul>							
<b>OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>							
Please refer to table 5 of the report.							
<b>REASONS FOR PROPOSAL</b>							
<p>The Council has declared a climate emergency with a commitment for the Borough to become carbon neutral by 2040. Transport accounts for 34% of the Borough emissions, and therefore it is essential that this sector plays a key role in reducing emissions. Enabling an increase in active travel will form part of this response.</p> <p>The Healthy Streets programme consists of a comprehensive range of interventions that collectively will enable more sustainable transport choices. As projects are knitted together and a coherent network of quiet streets and safe walking and cycling infrastructure on primary roads is delivered, longer-term change will be enabled.</p> <p>North Middlesex Hospital Active Travel Improvements forms part of the Enfield Healthy Streets programme. Therefore, this report sets out the contribution this project can make to the wider context described above.</p>							
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**LIST REFERENCE: 3/48/21-22**

<b>SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:</b>							
Approval for Council to enter into a capital grant agreement for One Public Estate (OPE) Programme funding to support delivery of self and custom build homes.							
<b>Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph )</b>	<b>Wards affected by decision</b>	<b>Decision taken by</b>	<b>Date Decision comes into effect</b>	<b>Interest declared in respect of the Decision</b>	<b>Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Eligible for Call-in &amp; Date to be called in by</b>
Part 1	All	Executive Director of Resources	N/a	None		Amena Matin, Housing Development and Estate Regeneration Programme Manager	No (Rule 16)
<b>DECISION</b>							
Agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To meet the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities deadline for signing the grant agreement by 11 February 2022.</li> </ul>							
<b>REASONS FOR URGENCY</b>							
Under the One Public Estate, Self and Custom Build (Phase 2) programme, Central Government announced a funding package for Local Authorities to support housing delivery and Small and Medium Enterprises' economic recovery, by releasing land for self-build and custom build. The Council submitted a bid through the One Public Estate Barnet and Enfield Partnership Board in Nov 2021. On 28 Jan the Council received an award letter advising that our bid for £628,000 for the 2022/23 financial year had been successful and that all Local Authorities are required to enter into contracts by 14 February. This is to enable the full grant to be paid to the Council by 14 March 2022. This letter is a pre-announcement to be held in confidence and the details are not to be disclosed publicly until an official announcement from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. Therefore, the Council is unable to publish the allocation of grant on the Forward Plan for the 28 days period. The urgent decision is sought to ensure the timely completion of the grant agreement as failure to will mean the Council will lose the capital funding to support the delivery of small sites.							

## **SECTION 2:** Notice of forthcoming Key Decisions for which it has not been possible to provide notice

This section lists the Key Decisions that are proposed to be taken by the Council, which require publication in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000. The decisions listed are those for which it has not been possible to provide 28 days' notice and need to comply with the Council's urgency procedure. There are two routes that can be followed in this instance to enable a decision to be taken.

### **1. Rule 15 – General Exceptions**

This procedure is used in cases when:

- it is not possible to provide the required 28 days' notice of a key decision; but
- it is possible to provide a minimum of 5 working days' notice prior to the decision being taken;

### **2. Rule 16 – Special Urgency**

This procedure should only be used in exceptional circumstances where it is not possible to:

- provide the required 28 days' notice prior of a key decision; and
- provide a minimum of 5 working days' notice prior to the decision needing to be taken.

**These decisions will not be eligible for call-in.** If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision please refer to: Claire Johnson 020 8379 4239

### DETAILS OF KEY DECISION

Part 1/2* and reason	Date Decision Planned	Decision of	Proposed Key Decision	Ward/s affected by the decision	Contact Name and Number
1	11 February 2022	Joanne Drew, Director for Housing and Regeneration	Approval for Council to enter into a capital grant agreement for One Public Estate (OPE) Programme funding to support delivery of self and custom build homes.	All Wards	Amena Matin 0208 1484384  Cem Erkmen 020 8132 0128

**Reasons for Urgency:**

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**Background Papers:**

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name and Telephone No. of Document Holder	Location/e-mail address
Part 1	Grant Funding Letter Barnet & Enfield OPE Feedback	Amena Matin	Amena Matin 0208 1484384

Please certify that the use of the urgency process has been agreed by the relevant Director: Signed

Joanne Drew

Received by Governance Team: Signed: CC

Date: 4/2/22