

# Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

## Report

23rd Special Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee  
September 25, 2023

**PRESENT:** Mayor J. Morgan (Chair), Councillors H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, D. Ferreira, S. Hillier

**ALSO PRESENT:** L. Livingstone, A. Barbon, C. Cooper, S. Corman, K. Dickins, M. Feldberg, J. Ireland, S. Mathers, H. McNeely, S. Mollon, J. Paradis, M. Schulthess, C. Smith, J. Taylor, B. Westlake-Power

Remote attendance: E. Bennett, B. Card

The meeting is called to order at 4:00 PM; it being noted that Councillors P. Van Meerbergen, E. Pelozza and S. Hillier were in remote attendance.

### 1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

### 2. Consent

None.

### 3. Scheduled Items

None.

### 4. Items for Direction

#### 4.1 September Progress Update - Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development, that the September Progress Update – Health & Homelessness Whole of Community System Response Report BE RECEIVED for information; it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a verbal delegation from R. O'Hagan with respect to this matter.

Yeas: (15): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

**Motion Passed (15 to 0)**

Additional votes:

Moved by: S. Trosow

Seconded by: C. Rahman

The delegation of Ryan O'Hagan BE APPROVED to be heard at this time.

Yeas: (15): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

**Motion Passed (15 to 0)**

4.2 Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response RFP 2023-199 Hubs Implementation Plan Results

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development, the following actions be taken with respect to the award of the contracts for Request for Proposal (RFP) RFP-2023-199 Hubs Implementation Plan: Lead Agencies London's Health & Homelessness Whole of Community System Response as an irregular result, as per City of London Procurement Policy Section 12.2 (c) "Committee and City Council must approve an RFP award with an irregular result greater than \$15,000":

a) the Request for Proposal 2023-199 BE AWARDED to each of the following organizations to provide Hubs for an initial two-year commitment at a total estimated operating cost of \$15,650,424; with an option to renew operating contracts for up to four (4) additional one-year terms at the City's sole discretion, based on satisfactory services, performance, and funding/budget availability:

i) Atlohosa Family Healing Services Inc. at 550 Wellington Road, Building J in the estimated amount of \$2,118,146 per year;

ii) Youth Opportunities Unlimited at 800 Commissioners Road, Building 16 and 329 Richmond Street in the estimated amounts of Year 1: \$1,317,500 and Year 2: \$1,983,800;

iii) Canadian Mental Health Association Thames Valley Addiction and Mental Health Services at 556 Dundas St. in the estimated amount \$1,425,562 per year;

the proposals submitted by all proponents meet the City's requirements and are in compliance with the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy, in accordance with Schedule 1 as appended to the staff report dated September 25, 2023: for a total operating and capital investment of up to \$20,616,024. of which:

b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to allocate up to \$10,388,716 for operating for 2024 and 2025 from the Provincial Homeless Prevention Program;

c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to seek funding from the Fund for Change to fund the capital requests received to support the three hubs in the total estimated amount of up to \$4,965,600 for the provision of the initial hubs implementation;

d) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to seek funding from the Fund for Change to fund the estimated operating costs of the Canadian Mental Health Association Thames Valley Addiction and Mental Health Services transitional beds to be located at 705 Fanshawe Park Road West for the provision of the initial two (2) year contract term for hubs implementation at an approximate cost of \$5,261,708 pending necessary development and *Planning Act* approvals;

e) a one-time funding allocation of up to \$1,500,000 from the Social Services Reserve Fund BE APPROVED, if required, should ineligible costs under existing provincial funding sources be identified while finalizing the agency purchase of service contracts and budgets;

f) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all administrative acts, including review of sites and support for *Planning Act* applications to align current or future hub sites with criteria, and any activities associated with additionally requested funding necessary in relation to this project;

g) the approval given herein BE CONDITIONAL upon the Corporation entering into a Purchase of Service Agreement with Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Canadian Mental Health Association Thames Valley Addiction and Mental Health Services and Atlohsa Family Healing Services Inc;

h) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to continue to work with the community on the hubs implementation to establish additional opportunities for future procurement of additional spaces;

i) the annual funding approval noted in a) above is SUBJECT TO the availability of funding through the City of London, and/or other funding sources;

j) the proposed by-law as appended to the staff report dated September 25, 2023 as Schedule 2 BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on October 5, 2023 to:

i) AUTHORIZE the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development, or written designate, to approve the Municipal Purchase of Service Agreement between The Corporation of the City of London and each hub provider for the purchase of services to provide and operate three hubs; and,

ii) AUTHORIZE the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development, or written designate, to execute the Municipal Purchase of Service Agreements with each hub provider;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received the attached presentation from K. Dickins, Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development and 136 added communications with respect to this matter.

Yeas: (9): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, S. Trosow, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Nays: (6): P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, P. Van Meerbergen, and S. Hillier

**Motion Passed (9 to 6)**

Additional votes:

Moved by: S. Trosow

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That pursuant to section 31.6 of the Council Procedure By-law, Councillor D. Ferreira be permitted to speak an additional five minutes with respect to this matter.

**Motion Passed**

Moved by: S. Trosow

Seconded by: C. Rahman

That pursuant to section 31.6 of the Council Procedure By-law, Councillor S. Lewis be permitted to speak an additional two minutes with respect to this matter.

**Motion Passed**

Moved by: C. Rahman  
Seconded by: S. Trosow

That pursuant to section 31.6 of the Council Procedure By-law, Councillor S. Stevenson be permitted to speak an additional two minutes with respect to this matter.

**Motion Passed**

Moved by: S. Lewis

With respect to the Chair's ruling that a Referral of this matter is in order, shall the ruling of the Chair BE SUSTAINED?

Yeas: (8): J. Morgan, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, and S. Hillier

Nays: (7): H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Trosow, A. Hopkins, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

**Motion Passed (8 to 7)**

The Chair's ruling is sustained.

Moved by: C. Rahman  
Seconded by: J. Pribil

That consideration of Item 4.2, Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response RFP 2023-199 Hubs Implementation Plan Results, BE REFERRED to the October 31st meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee.

Yeas: (6): P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, P. Van Meerbergen, and S. Hillier

Nays: (9): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, S. Trosow, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

**Motion Failed (6 to 9)**

Moved by: J. Pribil  
Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That pursuant to section 31.6 of the Council Procedure By-law, Councillor C. Rahman be permitted to speak an additional five minutes with respect to this matter.

**Motion Passed**

Moved by: S. Franke  
Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee recess at this time, for ten minutes.

**Motion Passed**

The Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee recesses at 7:15 PM and reconvenes at 7:33 PM.

## **6. Confidential**

### **6.1 Solicitor-Client Privileged Advice**

Moved by: C. Rahman  
Seconded by: S. Stevenson

That the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee convene, In Closed Session, in order to consider a matter related to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, related to a legislative interpretation and for advice about legal liability related to criteria for outcomes of an RFP.

Yeas: (8): J. Morgan, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, and S. Hillier

Nays: (6): H. McAlister, S. Lewis, S. Trosow, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): P. Cuddy

**Motion Passed (8 to 6)**

The Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee convenes, In Closed Session from 6:47 PM to 7:06 PM.

**5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business**

None.

**7. Adjournment**

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen

Seconded by: S. Stevenson

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

**Motion Passed**

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.