LONDON BOROUGH OF HILLINGDON ACTION ON MODERN SLAVERY ACT

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REASON FOR ITEM

The Chairman of the Corporate Services and Partnerships Policy Overview Committee requested that an update on LBH Action on the Modern Slavery Act be presented to the Committee.

OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

The Committee is asked to note the report.

INFORMATION

Further to the previous report on Modern Slavery at the Corporate Services and Procurement POC meeting held on 2 February 2017, this update relates to Members' subsequent enquiry regarding the Council's supply chain.

From the beginning of the procurement process, the issue of modern slavery is addressed through the Council's documentation, such as the Invitation to Tender (ITT) and Selection Questionnaire (SQ), seeking responses from potential providers / bidders regarding their policies and procedures in relation to the Modern Slavery Act.

In reference to existing contracts, staffing issues such as turnover and pay and conditions (e.g. zero hours-based contracts) are monitored, particularly for high-risk service areas, such as Social Care (e.g. Home Care and Outreach Services).

Furthermore, Officers co-operate with the Home Office where activities such as trafficking / slavery are suspected amongst our supply base or companies located in the borough.