

## **CABINET – 13TH SEPTEMBER 2018**

### **Report of the Overview Scrutiny Group**

#### **ITEM 7      ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CONTRACT – OPTIONS FOR DELIVERY FROM JUNE 2020**

##### Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Overview Scrutiny Group in relation to the Council's Environmental Services contract and the two aspects: the options available to the Council for future delivery from June 2020 and the options around the ownership of the fleet required for the provision of the contract.

##### Recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group

That the Cabinet be informed that the Group supports the recommendations as set out in the report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods and Community Wellbeing.

##### Reason

Having considered the report and asked questions of the Lead Member for Performance of Major Contracts, the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods and Community Wellbeing and the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces on the matter, the Group concluded that it would be appropriate for the Cabinet to approve the recommendations set out in the report.

##### Meeting Discussion

Following questions from the Group, the Lead Member for Performance of Major Contracts, the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods and Community Wellbeing and the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces provided the following responses:

- (i) A blended funding approach would be taken to purchase the fleet required and money would be used from the Council's reserve fund and borrowing.
- (ii) The procurement process will capture all the specification requirements for the new vehicles such as the range and size. The vehicles transferred over to the new fleet would be the latest models and have a larger capacity for refuse collection.
- (iii) The Group was advised that the project group had considered alternatives to extending the current contract but it was felt that Serco were providing a good service and they were established in the market so were the best option.

##### Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a scrutiny committee should be considered by the Cabinet.

## Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information on this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

## Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

### *Financial Implications*

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

### *Risk Management*

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

Key Decision:	Yes
Background Paper:	Overview Scrutiny Group Minute 22 2018/19, 10th September 2018
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