

**MINUTES OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING DATE** Thursday, 30 November 2017

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor John Walker (Chair), Councillor Roy Lees (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Paul Leadbetter, Matthew Lynch, June Molyneaux, Greg Morgan and Alistair Morwood

**OFFICERS:** Asim Khan (Director (Customer and Digital)), Jo Oliver (Waste and Streetscene Manager) and Cathryn Filbin (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Paul Clark and Jane Fitzsimons

**OTHER MEMBERS:** Councillor Adrian Lowe

**17.OS.46 Declarations of Any Interests**

There were no declarations of an interest received.

**17.OS.47 Exclusion of the Public and Press**

**17.OS.48 Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 24 October 2017 of Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**AGREED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.**

**17.OS.49 New Waste Contract**

Members of the Committee considered a report from the Director (Customer and Digital) which provided information from the Council's consultants, AEA Ricardo and the result of the modelled options and indicative costs as requested at the Committee on 24 October.

The Chair welcomed the Executive Member (Customer, Advice and Streetscene Services), the Director (Customer and Digital) and the Waste and Streetscene Manager to the meeting.

The current waste collection contract with Veolia was due to expire on 31 March 2019. This was the largest contract the Council procures and was high risk procurement in

terms of value and reputational risk as well as a high profile service provided to all households in the borough.

Based on the findings of the consultant's report the recommendation to Executive Cabinet on 14 December 2017 would be for the waste collection service to remain outsourced, with tender documents to be prepared on the existing services and option 2 (four weekly blue bin collections). This modelling suggested a significant saving on the existing contract.

During debate, members of the Committee were informed that the cost saving was expected to exceed the saving identified in the MTFS. The Committee were also informed that there were potentially 5 to 6 operators who may be interested in the contract but that ultimately the interest would only be received from those operators who deemed the contract to be lucrative, and this would not be known until it goes out to tender.

Members of the Committee also discussed –

- Pressure from government and county wide to reduce the number of collections, although the Committee were reassured that it had not been taken in to consideration during the modelling process,
- Weight and capacity implications for residents and staff in relation to the blue bin four week rotation be implemented,
- Public waste bin collection.

Members of the Committee were reassured that the modelling options and the cost savings were as accurate as they could be. However, until the procurement process was completed and tenders returned, the costs were only indicative and based on the consultant's knowledge of the market. Specific factors such as depot costs, mobilisation costs, pension liabilities, labour costs, overheads and profits would all impact on the overall cost of providing the service as well as delivering elements outside the front line collection rounds.

**AGREED – That the report be noted.**

#### **17.OS.50 Recommendations**

Members of the Committee considered both the written and verbal evidence presented.

After careful consideration of all the evidence provided (written and verbal), the Overview and Scrutiny Committee **AGREED –**

- 1. That the report be noted,**
- 2. The outcome of the modelling work be included along with recommendations in the report to the Executive Cabinet on 14 December 2017.**

#### **17.OS.51 Any urgent business previously agreed with the Chair**

The Chair thanked the Democratic and Member Services Officer for servicing meeting of the Committee and associated meetings over the last two year a wished her well in her new role in the Elections Team.

Chair

Date