Decision No: CAB029 - 22/09/11

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 62A on the agenda for the

**Decision-Making** 

## RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

**DECISION-MAKER:** CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: PLACE

SUBJECT: GYPSIES & TRAVELLERS IN

**BRIGHTON & HOVE** 

**AUTHOR**: GEOFF RAW

#### THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet approves the timetable for the review of the Traveller Strategy as set out in Appendix 1.
- (2) That Cabinet notes the petition and motion in relation to Traveller matters that have been referred to Cabinet following 21 July Full Council and agrees to consider them as part of the work on the development of the Strategy.

#### REASON FOR THE DECISION

The report seeks approval for the timetable for the review of the Travellers Strategy.

#### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The review of the Travellers Strategy will examine new ways of managing the seasonal summer increase in Travellers, including consideration of the appropriate use of limited toleration on lower impact sites.

# OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION None

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

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**Call-in Procedure completed** (if applicable)

Call-in heard by (if applicable)

Decision No: CAB030 - 22/09/11

Forward Plan No: CAB21119

This record relates to Agenda Item 68 on the agenda for the

**Decision-Making** 

# RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

**DECISION-MAKER:** CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: FINANCE

SUBJECT: TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT

(TBM) 2011/12 MONTH 4

**AUTHOR:** JEFF COATES

#### THE DECISION

(1) That Cabinet notes the provisional outturn position for the General Fund, which is an overspend of £1.308m.

- (2) That Cabinet notes the forecast outturn for the Section 75 Partnerships and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2011/12.
- (3) That Cabinet notes the provisional outturn position on the capital programme.
- (4) That Cabinet approves the following changes to the capital programme:
  - (i) The new schemes and variations as set out in Appendices 1 & 2.

#### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

Budget monitoring is a key element of good financial management, which is necessary in order for the council to maintain financial stability and operate effectively.

The capital budget changes are necessary to maintain effective financial management.

#### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The provisional outturn position on Council controlled budgets is an overspend of £1.308m. Any overspend will need to be funded from general reserves which would then need to be replenished to ensure that the working balance did not remain below £9.000m.

# OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION None

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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**Call-in Procedure completed** (if applicable)

Call-in heard by (if applicable)

Decision No: CAB031 - 22/09/11

Forward Plan No: CAB23556

This record relates to Agenda Item 69 on the agenda for the

**Decision-Making** 

# **RECORD OF CABINET DECISION**

**DECISION-MAKER:** CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: RESOURCES

SUBJECT: BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

**CORPORATE PLAN 2011-15** 

**AUTHOR:** MATTHEW WRAGG

THE DECISION

(1) That Cabinet recommend the Corporate Plan, as set out in appendix 1, to Full Council for approval.

# **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

The Corporate Plan is, as determined in the council's constitution, a key document forming the council's policy framework. Therefore it is required to be recommended by Cabinet and approved by Full Council.

#### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The Corporate Plan is the only document that provides a comprehensive overview of the council's priorities for the Comprehensive Spending Review period, and how it will manage all its resources - finance, people, assets - to deliver the priorities and the indicators it will use to measure progress.

# OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION None

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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Call-in heard by (if applicable)

Decision No: CAB032 - 22/09/11

Forward Plan No:CAB24348

This record relates to Agenda Item 70 on the agenda for the

**Decision-Making** 

## RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

**DECISION-MAKER:** CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: PLACE

SUBJECT: HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY

**INVESTMENT OPTIONS -**

INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS TO

COUNCIL OWNED HOMES

**AUTHOR:** MARTIN REID

#### THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet approves a capital programme budget up to a maximum of £15.0 million for Solar Photovoltaic Panels on council housing stock to be financed through unsupported borrowing in the Housing Revenue Account, which will only be drawn against subject to the approval of the Strategic Director for Place and the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing to proceed with the scheme.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director for Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing to approve the planning, supply, installation and maintenance of the panels via an approved framework agreement and a call off contract or contracts under an approved framework agreement.
- (3) That Cabinet notes the outcome of the initial options appraisal undertaken by Climate Energy, indicating that there is an outline business case to support delivery of a solar photovoltaic scheme across the council housing stock and to meet strategic housing and other council priorities, including private sector housing renewal, reducing fuel poverty and reducing carbon emissions.
- (4) That Cabinet notes the procurement exercise to establish the Solar Bourne framework agreement undertaken by Eastbourne Borough Council with involvement from partners in the BEST consortium, and that the costs identified through the above procurement further support an outline business case as indicated by the initial options appraisal work.

#### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

Approval is required now to realise the benefits of the Feed in Tariff scheme and to take advantage of any opportunity this offers the Council to gain investment and energy savings before the Feed in Tariff is reviewed in April 2012.

Approval is required now to realise the benefits of CO2 reductions and the provision of free or cheap electricity to tenants who may be living in, or at risk of, fuel poverty.

To realise and maximise the additional benefits outlined in this report.

#### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

he Council has worked with partners in the current BEST consortium to establish the colarbourne framework agreement for the provision of the planning, supply installation and maintenance of solar PV panels in order to establish actual costs and to take dvantage of any potential for creating economies of scale. The outcome of this rocurement process, led by Eastbourne Borough Council, allows further consideration f the business case and appropriate funding model. The actual costs identified in the amework agreement support the business case developed as part of the initial ptions appraisal by Climate Energy. Both the framework agreement and the options ppraisal indicate that the greatest benefits to the city could be achieved through a ully owned and funded model.

olar PV installation companies, together with the backing of private investment ompanies, are willing to pay the capital costs to install solar PV panels onto the roofs f homes if, in return, they receive the Feed In Tariff (FIT) incentive over a 25-year eriod. It may be possible for the Council to generate additional receipts, by some form f "profit share" or roof rental agreement. This would be in addition to an element of ee or cheap electricity and the CO2 savings such a scheme would generate. There re potential additional benefits in this option including; no or less capital borrowing equired and reduced or shared risk related to delivering the installation and ongoing naintenance and monitoring of solar PV installations. However this model would be nlikely to deliver the same benefits outlined in the report, and the income would be ignificantly less than that achievable through a fully funded and operated model. The colarbourne framework agreement includes an option for the 'rent a roof' scheme. However only one supplier is on the framework and the information available to us at his stage is not sufficient to calculate what the expected return would be.

ndications from the initial options appraisal, by Climate Energy, suggest that on alance a fully owned and operated scheme has the potential to provide significantly reater benefits to the city as a whole and that risks associated with this model can be dequately mitigated through in-house and procured expertise. These initial indications ave been backed up through the Solarbourne framework agreement procurement xercise. A fully funded and owned model of delivering a solar PV scheme has the otential to create significant income, generated by the Feed in Tariff payment, to the ouncil over a 25 year period. A fully owned and funded model gives the council reater influence over delivering the benefits outlined in this report.

he focus of work to date has been on the procurement of the Solarbourne framework greement to inform a business case for proceeding with the installation of solar PV on ouncil housing. We are not committed to accessing this framework and have explored ptions for accessing other frameworks to provide further opportunities and as a

ontingency if issues arise that prevent the council from maximising potential benefits brough the Solarbourne framework agreement. Legal and procurement advice has een taken on other existing framework agreements for supply and install of solar PV which are accessible by the council and meet our needs. Officers continue to assess hese options to ensure benefits are maximised for the council and local residents.

# OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION None

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

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**Call-in Procedure completed** (if applicable)

Call-in heard by (if applicable)

Decision No: CAB033 - 22/09/11

Forward Plan No:N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 71 on the agenda for the

**Decision-Making** 

# **RECORD OF CABINET DECISION**

**DECISION-MAKER:** CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: COMMUNITIES

**SUBJECT:** EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

**AUTHOR:** MARY EVANS

THE DECISION

(1) That Cabinet agrees the proposed approach to equality impact assessment and ensure that they are taken into account in all decision making across the Council, including issues related to "cumulative impact" on specific communities.

#### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

To ensure that the council effectively implements the duties set out in the Equality Act 2010 whilst addressing its own equality and inclusion objectives.

#### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The alternative to continuing the use of Equality Impact Assessment would be the development of new systems for the publication of data linked to equality objectives. There would not therefore be a process for systematically and publicly addressing equality issues in decision making.

# OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

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Call-in heard by (if applicable)

Decision No: CAB034 - 22/09/11

Forward Plan No:CAB23383
This record relates to Agenda Item 72 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

# RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

**DECISION-MAKER:** CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: PLACE

SUBJECT: REVISED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

SCHEME FOR THE LOCAL

**DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK 2011-**

2014

AUTHOR: LISA MARSHALL

#### THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet approves the revised Local Development Scheme for submission to the Secretary of State subject to any minor grammatical alterations that may be made by the Strategic Director, Place.
- (2) That Cabinet agrees that the revised Local Development Scheme should be brought into effect following approval by the Secretary of State.

#### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

To ensure that there is an up to date timetable for preparing development plan documents in accordance with government guidance. In addition, to ensure that minor changes can be made, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Employment, Economy & Regeneration, without the need for the document to return to Cabinet.

Should the LDS be agreed by the Secretary of State there would be no requirement for the document to return to Cabinet for adoption.

#### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The main alternative options considered and evaluated in preparing the LDS relate to the type of local development documents to be prepared over the next three years, how they will be resourced, prioritised and when the key stages will be undertaken. The proposed timetable is considered the best option with the resources available.

# OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION None

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

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Decision No: CAB035 - 22/09/11

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 73 on the agenda for the

**Decision-Making** 

# **RECORD OF CABINET DECISION**

**DECISION-MAKER:** CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: RESOURCES

**SUBJECT:** TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE

CROSS-PARTY WORKING GROUP ON THE CORE STRATEGY: EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 21 JULY 2011

**AUTHOR**: MARK WALL

THE DECISION

(1) That paragraph 4 of the Terms of Reference of the Cross Party Working Group on the Core Strategy be deleted.

#### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

N/A

#### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

N/A

# OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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Decision No: CAB036 - 22/09/11

Forward Plan No:N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 74 on the agenda for the

**Decision-Making** 

# **RECORD OF CABINET DECISION**

**DECISION-MAKER:** CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: COMMUNITIES

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ILLEGAL MONEY LENDING

TEAM: DELEGATION OF POWERS TO

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**AUTHOR**: JOHN PEERLESS

#### THE DECISION

- (1) That Birmingham City Council be given delegated power to discharge the enforcement of Part III of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 in Brighton & Hove (pursuant to Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, Regulation 7 of the Local Authority (Arrangements for Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2000 and Section 13 and 19 of the Local Government Act 2000).
- (2) That the "Protocol for Illegal Money Lending Section Investigations" attached at Annex One be approved and that the Head of Planning and Public Protection be authorised to enter into the agreement and to approve any minor technical or typographical alterations if required.

#### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

This proposal, if agreed, will add to the County Council's resources and will enable our Trading Standards Service to have access to a team of highly trained experts from the IMLT.

The recommendations will support performance of the Authority's duty in relation to enforcement of the provisions of the Consumer Credit Act 1974.

#### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

There are no other viable options as the funding is provided on the basis of expanding the Birmingham team.

# OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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Decision No: CAB037 - 22/09/11

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 75 on the agenda for the

**Decision-Making** 

# **RECORD OF CABINET DECISION**

**DECISION-MAKER:** CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: RESOURCES

SUBJECT: OPEN GOVERNMENT LICENCE

AUTHOR: PAUL COLBRAN

#### THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet authorises data and content including that on the council's public website to be made available for re-use under the terms of the Open Government Licence.
- (2) That Cabinet authorises the Strategic Director, Resources, to assess against the criteria specified in paragraph 3.10 (i) and (ii) any exceptional circumstances which may support an exemption to publish data and content under the Open Government Licence and apply the exemption.

#### REASON FOR THE DECISION

Publishing data under OGL supports the councils aim to achieve open and transparent data which can be repurposed and is reusable.

#### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

An assessment was made against the most recognised licences for data, databases and datasets including Creative Commons Licences, CC Zero tool and Open Data Commons licences.

OGL was considered the most appropriate licence for providing access to data in both machine and human readable forms. The licence does not permit the copying of logos, registered trademarks and other IP such as patents and includes specific non-endorsement clauses.

OGL is compatible with the Creative Commons Attribution Licence for content, and also the Open Data Commons Attribution Licence for data, datasets and databases thus providing the means for data, databases and content to be licensed under one licence which is beneficial for content comprising of multiple elements.

# OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION None

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Call-in heard by (if applicable)

Decision No: CAB038 - 22/09/11

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 76 on the agenda for the

**Decision-Making** 

# **RECORD OF CABINET DECISION**

**DECISION-MAKER:** CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: FINANCE

SUBJECT: SURVEILLANCE POLICY

**AUTHOR**: JO PLAYER

#### THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet approves the continued use of covert surveillance and the accessing of communications data as an enforcement tool to prevent and detect all crime and disorder investigated by its officers, providing the necessity and proportionality rules are stringently applied.
- (2) That Cabinet notes the surveillance activity undertaken by the authority since the last report to Cabinet in June 2011compared to the same quarter in 2010 as set out in Appendix 1.

#### REASON FOR THE DECISION

It is essential that officers are able to use the RIPA powers where necessary within the new threshold, but only after excluding all other methods of enforcement. An authorisation will only be given by a Director or above, and scrutinised by a 'gatekeeper', therefore, it is unlikely that these powers will be abused.

The implementation of the Annual review and quarterly oversight has made the whole process transparent and demonstrates to the public that the correct procedures are followed.

#### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

A review of 'surveillance activities' could be the subject of the normal scrutiny process.

#### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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**Call-in Procedure completed** (if applicable)

Call-in heard by (if applicable)

Decision No: CAB039 - 22/09/11

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 77 on the agenda for the

**Decision-Making** 

# **RECORD OF CABINET DECISION**

**DECISION-MAKER:** CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: COMMUNITIES

SUBJECT: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED

MERGER OF WEST AND EAST

SUSSEX FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

**AUTHOR:** DAVID MURRAY

THE DECISION

(1) That, subject to the number of Members of the merged Fire Authority being set at 24, with Brighton & Hove being allocated 4 Members and the agreement of all three local authorities being required to change the governance arrangements, the proposed merger of Fire and Rescue Services be recommended for approval.

#### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

N/A

#### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

N/A

# OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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**Call-in Procedure completed** (if applicable)

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Decision No: CAB040 - 22/09/11

Forward Plan No: CAB22050

This record relates to Agenda Item 78 on the agenda for the

**Decision-Making** 

# **RECORD OF CABINET DECISION**

**DECISION-MAKER:** CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: PLACE

**SUBJECT:** INVESTMENT IN CITY

INFRASTRUCTURE - CAR PARK IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE II

**AUTHOR:** AUSTEN HUNTER

#### THE DECISION

- (1) That £4.298m of funding be invested in the improvement, in line with the scope of works set out in Appendix B, of Regency Square, Trafalgar Street, Carlton Hill and Oxford Court car parks, with the borrowings to be repaid over a minimum of 10 years.
- (2) That Cabinet grant approval for Council officers to undertake an approved process in accordance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders and Procurement legislation and under the guidance of officers from Procurement and Legal Services for the sustainable and legally compliant procurement of relevant works and services.
- (3) That Cabinet grant delegated authority to the Strategic Director, Place to approve and award contract(s) following the procurement process referred to above.

#### REASON FOR THE DECISION

This investment will substantially improve car park access, security, environment and further help provide choice for local people and improve the experience of visitors, therefore supporting tourism and local businesses. Improved vehicle and pedestrian access arrangements will also reduce unnecessary traffic circulation and journeys into the city centre.

It is being made in line with the 3 new delivery principles recently established in the council's third Local Transport Plan [LTP3], which are to 'maintain, manage and improve' the city's transport infrastructure and facilities.

It is also consistent with the principle of seeking to make off-street car parking more attractive than on-street in order to reduce pressure on those spaces and reduce the intrusion of vehicles in central areas.

The additional revenue that is expected to be received from these car parks after they are improved will provide an opportunity to fund carbon reduction transport initiatives, vital transport services for the city (such as free bus travel for the elderly and disabled) as well as other projects of benefit to the city.

#### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The alternative to do nothing was considered however this would constitute a failure to manage and maintain essential council assets, make it impossible to meet the income objectives, detailed at 3.7 of this report, and achieve the wider policy objectives set out in section 5.

# OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION None

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

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# **RECORD OF CABINET DECISION**

**DECISION-MAKER:** CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: RESOURCES

**SUBJECT:** PROCUREMENT OF THE CORPORATE

SECURITY CONTRACT

**AUTHOR:** IVAN WATTS, ANGELA DYMOTT

THE DECISION

(1) That Cabinet:

- (a) Gives approval for a tendering exercise to be undertaken in compliance with relevant Public Procurement legislation for the procurement of the corporate security contract for alarm response, static guarding and security key holding services. The tendering process will lead to the award of a 4 year contract, with the council having the option to extend for up to a further 2 years. The new contract will start on the termination of the existing contract.
- (b) Grants delegated authority to the Strategic Director, Resources to award the contract and take all steps necessary towards the implementation of the proposals.

#### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

This report makes recommendations on the future provision of security services for the council and on the process and timing and tasks that need to be completed between now and the end of the security current contract award. It takes into account the legal and financial business requirements of both the council and the EU procurement legislation.

It promotes the preferred business route that;

- i) Positions the council in its pursuit of Corporate Landlord goals,
- ii) Ensures commonality of service provision, leanness, value for money and quality.

#### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The council already operate a tailored approach to its security employing retained staff in specialist areas of its security needs, as well as external contractors to carry out the bulk of its premises securing, key holding and alarm response requirements.

The commitment to this approach was taken nine years ago, and was based upon;

- a) Consolidation of a large supplier base,
- b) Realignment of security delivery, to assure the most cost effective approach, and cap potential future costs in delivering the service.
- c) Deliver standardisation, economies of scale, and a structured framework of costs.
- d) Conclusion that Security is an operational need of the council, but not part of its core business.
- e) Embrace changes to the way that Health & Safety addresses the Risk assessment and circumstances under which guarding and asset security can be completed on a 24/7 basis.

If the Council were to bring this service in-house there would be considerable capacity, skill, resource, financial implications and choices to be made. These would revolve around;

- The need to set up this service as an internal business and provide inward investment and initial set up costs that would outstrip the current investment required for the contracted services to national recognised security firms. For example Business set up costs and requirements for increased manpower, Security Industry Authority training, first aid training, CCTV training, radios, transport, etc.
- To recapture internally the capability that we draw on through the security contract the council would need to initiate the formation of an in-house bid which could take up to a year to eighteen months to work up. This would need to be before the old contract expires to effect an essential seamless continuation of service. The service would need to be commissioned and the specification agreed with all internal customers following detailed stakeholder consultations and analyses of the legal, financial and human resource implications.
- As the skills, capacity and resources to support the full security needs of the council are not presently available to us internally we would need to embark upon a proactive recruitment campaign well before any supporting contract expires which could mean paying twice for the service in certain areas.
- Our current adopted approach is the most lean and flexible business solution and prevents us in many areas having to double our operational budgets. For example where we contract security staff the council pay for the deployment of that resource and the responsibility for a replacement during holiday or sickness, then becomes the responsibility of the supplier.
- The introduction of recent Health & Safety regulations now places a heavy emphasis on risk assessing guards involved in front line duties, single points of working, shifts & out of hours working practices. This all becomes the contractor's responsibility when adopting our tailored approach to this requirement.

Summarising, it is recommended that our current approach to delivering this service is the right way forward for effective and efficient customer service, business and value for money reasons that will meet the diverse security demands that we face

over the next four years.

Having established that a security service is an operational need of the council and not part of its core business we need to be consistent in our future contract letting. Switching between the two options provides the worse of conditions at the greatest cost.

# OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION None

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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