

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

### DECISION TAKEN BY

**Matthew Balfour, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport**

### DECISION NO:

17/00016

### For publication

### Key decision\*

Yes – expenditure over £1m

**Subject: Re-procurement of the Urban, Grass, Shrubs and Hedges Contract (Maidstone, Darford, Canterbury and Thanet)**

### Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, I agree to re-procure and delegate to the Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste authority to award contract/s for the urban grass, shrubs & hedges service for Maidstone, Dartford, Canterbury and Thanet.

### Governance

The Executive Scheme of Delegation for Officers set out in Appendix 2 Part 4 of the Constitution (and the directorate schemes of sub-delegation made thereunder) provides the governance pathway for the implementation of this decision by officers as it assumes at 1.9 of the scheme that once a Member-level decision has been taken, the implementation of that decision will normally be delegated to officers, so that multiple Member decisions are not required in respect of the same matter.

In this instance, the Director of Highways, Transport and Waste will be the lead officer seeking to ensure that all such steps as are necessary to implement the decision are undertaken

### Reason(s) for decision:

The Soft Landscape urban grass shrubs & hedges contract (Maidstone, Dartford, Canterbury and Thanet) ends on 31 December 2017. The contract value is estimated at £325-350k per year. A Key Decision is required to award the contract/s for this discretionary service as the value of the contract, including optional extensions exceeds £1m.

### Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

During the last 12 months the Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee (ETCC), a Member Task & Finish Group (T&FG), Strategic Commissioning Board and Corporate Board have considered the service needs, commissioning options and the future funding of Soft Landscape services

The re-procurement of the Urban Grass, Shrubs and Hedges contract follows the recommendations and decisions of the above bodies

### Any alternatives considered:

In the Commissioning Plan Report dated 21 July 2016 to the Strategic Commissioning Board several options were considered for discretionary and safety critical services. The Board approved the extension of current urban grass shrubs and hedges contracts until 2019.

**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:**

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date

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