

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport

**DECISION NO:**

22/00095

**For publication**

**Key decision: YES**

**Subject Matter / Title of Decision:** Procurement and award of contract/s for Highway Weed Control contract.

**Decision:** As Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport I agree to procure and delegate authority to the Director of Highways and Transportation to award and enter into appropriate contractual arrangements for the provision of Highway Weed Control including any potential extension periods.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

The existing contracts expire in March 2023 and as a statutory requirement they require a re-tendering exercise to continue service provision.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The proposed decision is being considered at Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 8 November 2022.

**Any alternatives considered and rejected:**Option 1 – Do Nothing

Discounted as The Council has a legal duty to keep roads and pavements clear of vegetation for safe passage of highway users.

Option 2 – Deliver in House

Discounted as this is not a core service to the authority. Due to the limited period to apply weed control, the staff would not be utilised all year round and this is of specialist nature.

Option 3 – Procure one provider to deliver the county

Discounted as unlikely to access SME providers and fails to provide resilience throughout the county. SME's usually have lower tender prices due to lower overheads compared to larger companies and therefore this option does not provide best value for money. It does not encourage local providers which is a priority for KCC.

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

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