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To: Scrutiny Committee, 13 September 2023
Subject: Decision 23/00058 - Highway Term Maintenance Service Contract

Summary: As requested by the Chairman and Spokespeople of the Scrutiny Committee the Committee is invited to discuss the Highway Term Maintenance Service Contract decision.

1. Introduction

- a) On 21 August the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport took a decision to :
 - a. Award a new contract to Amey for 32 months;
 - b. give delegation to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport to take relevant actions including but not limited to entering into contracts and other legal agreements, as necessary to implement the decision; and
 - c. agree to the proposed procurement timeline for the replacement contract.
- b) A call-in of this decision was determined as not valid, however the Chairman and Spokespeople considered that the decision needed further exploration and discussion. In line with the right of any Member of the Council to place an item on the Scrutiny agenda for discussion, it has been requested that this takes place at the Scrutiny Committee on 13 September.
- c) During the discussion, Members may wish to explore the following areas of concern:
 - a. Further exploration of the alternative options considered and why they were dismissed,
 - b. Why a thorough commissioning review was not undertaken prior to the end of the contract in August 2023
 - c. How future cost pressures will be managed.

2. Attached documents

- a) [Record of Decision](#)
- b) [Decision Report](#)
- c) [Appendix A - VFM Position Improvement Opportunities 2022](#)
- d) [EqIA](#)
- e) Exempt Appendix

3. Recommendation

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the information provided at the meeting in response to Members' questions on the Highway Term Maintenance Service Contract.

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