

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Peter Oakford, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services

DECISION NO:

20/00054

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Key decision: YES

Title of Decision: Extension of TFM contract

Decision:

As Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services I agree to a conditional extension of the current Total Facilities Management Service Contracts for East, Mid and West Kent to mitigate the service gap as a result of the COVID-19 delay to the re-procurement of the Facilities Management contract. The finalisation of terms and authority to enter into relevant contracts and other legal agreements is delegated to the Director of Infrastructure.

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 Infrastructure 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 decision is needed to ensure that KCC properties continue to receive Facilities Management Services, including for example, maintenance, cleaning, security and statutory compliance. The cost of the extension will exceed £1million and is outside of the original delegated authority envisaged under the original contracts.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

A Decision Report was shared with Members of the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee with the Proposed Record of Decision and duly noted at the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee Briefing held on 16 June 2020. This decision affects all KCC buildings in Kent and is therefore applicable to all Members.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Do not extend the current contract and KCC continues with the current procurement without seeking an extension, however, there is a risk of continued and further disruption to the FM Procurement Programme due to the impact of COVID-19, which could result in expiry of the current contract with no replacement contract(s) in place.

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

None

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signed

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date

