

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 27th July 2015

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Dearne Area Council update on Enforcement for 2016/17

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report also updates members about plans for procuring a littering/dog fouling/car parking enforcement service across a number of Area Councils from April 2016 onwards
- 1.2 The report asks members to give initial consideration to whether they would like to be part of the wider procurement exercise to appoint a provider to deliver a littering/dog fouling/car parking Enforcement Service from April 2016 onwards

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.2 That members note the plans for procuring a littering/dog fouling/car parking Enforcement Service across a number of Area Council's from April 2016 onwards.
- 2.3 Members give initial consideration to whether they would like to be part of the wider procurement exercise to appoint a provider to deliver a littering/dog fouling/car parking Enforcement Service from April 2016 onwards.

3.0 Enforcement service for 15/16

- 3.1 Further to approval at the meeting of Dearne Area Council on 30th March 2015, the necessary procedures to invoke the relevant contract procedure rules to allow the joint Dearne and Central Integrated Environmental Enforcement contract with Kingdom Security to be extended (without the need for competitive tendering) to the end of March 2016, have been progressed. This means that once the existing Kingdom Security contract comes to an end on 3rd August 2015, the extension will come into effect until 31st March 2016.
- 3.2 Members will be aware that all other Area Council's (excluding Penistone) have contracts with Kingdom Security for the provision of Integrated Enforcement Services within their areas. These contracts will also be extended to 31st March 2016.
- 3.3 Other Area Councils have already expressed an interest in continuing to have an Enforcement service when the Kingdom Security extension comes to an end on 31st March 2016. This would however be dependent on Area Council funds continuing to be available for 2016/17.

- 3.4 However, given the potential total annual costs of these contracts, it is likely that any future procurement will be a European tender process with one successful provider identified, with 'lots' in the contract so that individual Area Councils can buy into the service as appropriate. Such a contract would also have a clause to allow for annual extensions, assuming satisfactory performance by the provider, continued demand for the service from the respective Area Council, and the continued availability of Area Council budgets.
- 3.5 As part of the European procurement process, BMBC in-house services will have the opportunity to make a submission.
- 3.6 Given that a European procurement exercise could take up to six months and to ensure a 1st April 2016 contract start date, the procurement process for this Enforcement Service will have to commence in mid-September 2015.
- 3.7 An officer working group is to be established to take forward the planning and preparation work for the European procurement process for an Area Council Enforcement Service from 1st April 2016 onwards.
- 3.8 Given the timescales outlined above, Dearne Area Council members are asked to give some initial consideration as to whether this is a service they may like to have once the existing contract with Kingdom Security comes to an end on 31st March 2016.

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