

BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

South Area Council Meeting:

4th September 2015

Agenda Item: 6

**Report of South Area Council
Manager.**

South Area Council - Environmental Enforcement contract

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide an update on the position regarding the future extension of the Environmental Enforcement contract and to seek agreement on the future of the contract after July 2016, which is the one year extension period currently agreed by the South Area Council.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the South Area Council receives and notes the information contained within this report regarding the re-commissioning and re-tendering processes for the Environmental Enforcement contract.

2.2 That the South Area Council agrees to tender for a further Environmental Enforcement contract from 1st April 2016 at an indicative cost of £135,092

3. Background

3.1 At the meeting of the South Area Council held on 24th April 2015, it was agreed that the existing Environmental Enforcement contract held by Kingdom Security until 3rd August 2015 should be extended for a further 12 months to 3rd August 2016.

3.2 At this time, it appeared from advice given by NPS that this could be achieved by using a waiver to Standing Orders, which means that the contract could be renewed for this limited amount of time without going out to a further tendering process. It was agreed that this was better for the delivery of an uninterrupted service which South Area Council members felt had performed well.

3.3 However, it has become apparent that because of the contract value, it will only be possible to gain the waiver to Standing Orders for a period of 6 months, to 31st January 2016 because an extension for the full 12 months would take us over the contract values which are affected by EU guidelines.

3.4 At its meeting on 26th June 2015, the South Area Council agreed that it wished to continue the Environmental Enforcement contract for as long as funding was available and an identified need for the work remained, and that it would consequently be seeking to re-tender for the contract after the agreed waiver period ended on 31st January 2016.

3.5 Following this, the Area Council Manager received further advice that the waiver period could be extended to 31st March 2016 (as opposed to the 31st January date presented at the South Area Council meeting on 26th June) and this has now been completed and signed off.

3.6 The current provision offered by Kingdom is currently the subject of an internal review of commissioning processes and value for money, in which the Community Safety Service and Area Council Managers are fully involved. This process will be completed by the end of August 2015 to leave plenty of time to use its findings to inform the development of the new tender specification, and to ensure there is no break in service delivery.

3.7 Once the review is completed, the Area Council Manager will be working with NPS begin the re-tendering process, leaving plenty of time for the provider to be appointed before the new contract start date of 1st April 2016.

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