

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North East Area Council

Meeting:

1st October, 2015

Agenda Item: 10

Report of North East Area Manager

The North East Area Council Environmental Enforcement Report

1. Purpose of the 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 March 2016, which is the extension period currently agreed by the North East Area Council.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the North East 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 Members confirm that they would like the Environmental and Parking Enforcement contract to be advertised for a minimum of 2 years, at a value of £62,500 per annum for 2 Enforcement Officers, on the understanding that it is `let` one year at a time, with `break` clauses included, should funding be discontinued.

2.3 Members acknowledge that there will be an additional fee that will be payable to Barnsley Enforcement Services to ensure that the procured enforcement service operations are able to be carried out in a practical manner.

2.5 Members agree that, in order to ensure that an effective and efficient process is realised, it is proposed to carry out a full re-tender of the Service from April 2016 onwards, working in partnership with the other Area Councils within Barnsley MBC. Members are asked to note that NPS Barnsley has recommended, and confirmed that it is intended to split the proposed Enforcement contract into lots. This will allow each Area Council to specify their own requirements and each have their own individual contract with a supplier.

3. Background

3.1 At the meeting of the North East Area Council held on 11th June 2015, it was agreed that the existing Environmental Enforcement contract held by Kingdom Security should be continued.

3.2 Following advice from NPS Barnsley a waiver has now been completed and signed for an extension to the North East Area Council contract with Kingdom Security for a further period of nine months (July 2015 – March 2016) at a total cost of £44,732.

3.3 This figure represents a payment of £39,849 to Kingdom Security for the provision of 2 full time Enforcement Officers over nine months, and a smaller payment of £4,883 to BMBC Community Safety & Enforcement for the support services.

3.4 The North East Area Council have been satisfied with the performance of Kingdom Security and the Enforcement Officers for the duration of the contract to date, and positive feedback has been received about the initiative from the local community.

2.5 It is intended to advertise all the Area Council's Environmental and Parking Enforcement contracts at the same time, in lots. This approach will be more effective and efficient but still allow for Area Council contracts to be tailored to the needs of their area.

2.6 This approach will also ensure Contract Procedure rules and European Guidelines are followed. Additionally it will allow for a year on year contract to be awarded to the successful provider, with continuation being subject to satisfactory performance and the continuing need for the service.

3.6 Members are asked to note that here is currently an internal review of Core Services, specifically Parking Services, which may influence the final service design and deployment of any commissioned service.

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Attachments

Appendix A Enforcement Services Outline Specification