

Call -In

We wish to 'call-in' the Cabinet decision (Item 11, Wednesday 16th November 2016) as the reports failed to provide sufficient information to support the Cabinet decision.

A. "Cabinet agreed that with effect from the 6th June 2018, to Contract Out Environmental Services to an external provider selected through an OJEU procurement process."

The current contract is £6.9 million. It is assumed the next contract will be higher but there is no indication of what will go into the contract. There are questions to be answered on -

Costs

- i. What will be the added profit margin for the contracted out service?
- ii. What are the pension costs?
- iii. Will we lose recycling credits?

Service

- iv. We need to know what the performance standards are?
- v. What is in and what is not in the service design?
- vi. Will we be implementing the living wage as according to the Living Wage Foundation?

B. "Cabinet approved a supplementary estimate to create a budget for the OJEU procurement process of up to £400,000, to be funded from the 'Delivering the Efficiency Plan' reserve, in accordance with paragraph 4.2.8 of the report."

There is insufficient explanation about costs for

- i. Expert consultancy support
- ii. OJEU procurement process

We need clarification on

- iii. What "both internal and external support will be required". What does that mean?

C. Cabinet has expressed a preference for Contract Out. Why? We need to have more details on the three options (in-house, local authority company and private sector provider) regarding their costs and expected service performance.

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