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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

29 JANUARY 2018

BRIEFING NOTE: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY RE-PROVISION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CONTRACT WORKING GROUP

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of the Working Group is as follows:

- Help non-Executives understand the re provision process and the legal framework around the re-provision of the contract.
- Enable non-Executives to meaningfully challenge the rigour and robustness of the process.

2 UPDATE

2.1 At its meeting in January 2018, the Working Group received information regarding the processes to date and that the preferred bidder has been identified.

2.2 In discussing the information provided, the Working Group agreed that from the information provided to it, providing the information was accurate, that the processes to date have been robust and carried out with due diligence. The Working Group had received full, clear updates.

2.3 The Working Group then considered the following notice of motion:

“Councillor Haque, as the proposer of the motion accepted an alteration to the motion submitted by the Conservative Group.

Upon a vote, Council accepted the alteration of the motion.

i) Councillor Haque proposed and Councillors Smith seconded:

This Council notes the new contractor for Environmental Services will be announced in January 2018. A new contractor will take over the running of Environmental Services from June 2018.

This Council believes that Residents, Resident Associations and Parish Councils understand best the environmental challenges in their area such as fly tipping hot spots and overgrown grass verges. They should be able to fully share their views with both the Contractor and Borough Council so that information can be acted on promptly and effectively.

This Council therefore commits to positive and productive collaboration with Residents, Resident Associations and Parish Councils. Further to the new Contractor being chosen, the Cabinet will ask Overview and Scrutiny to determine the most effective process for the sharing of the views of members of the public and community groups with the Contractor and report back before June 2018.”

Council debated the motion.

Upon a vote, the motion was carried.

2.4 The Working Group will look at the motion, then report back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 2.5 The Working Group further agreed that it would schedule in two further meetings.
- 2.6 The Chair of the Working Group will continue to provide progress reports to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the information is noted.

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