

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Cabinet held in the East Hertfordshire District Council Offices,
Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford
on Monday, 16th October, 2017 at 7.00 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jane Gray.

2 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chairman extended a special welcome to Members of East Hertfordshire District Council's Executive and East Hertfordshire District Council officers who were invited guests;
- (2) Members were advised that this was a simultaneous meeting of the East Hertfordshire District Council's Executive and North Hertfordshire District Council's Cabinet. The start of the meeting would be simultaneous and then the two Councils would separate into different rooms for the discussion and voting on matters in the reports before Members;
- (3) The Chairman announced that Members of the public and the press may use their devices to film/photograph, or do a sound recording of the meeting, but she asked them to not use flash and to disable any beeps or other sound notifications that emitted from their devices;
- (4) Members were advised that the meeting was being web cast by East Hertfordshire District Council and audio recorded by North Hertfordshire District Council;
- (5) The Chairman reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question; and
- (6) The Chairman asked that, for the benefit of any members of the public present at the meeting, Officers and Members announce their name and their designation to the meeting when invited to speak.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Fiona Hill

Councillor Hill gave a verbal presentation regarding the proposal for a shared service for waste and street cleansing.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Hill for her presentation.

Dr Carol Stanier

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5 ITEM REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 9 OCTOBER 2017 - SHARED SERVICE FOR WASTE AND STREET CLEANSING - SELECTION OF OPTIONS

RESOLVED: That consideration of this referral takes place in conjunction with agenda item number 7 (see Minute 46 below).

6 SHARED SERVICE FOR WASTE AND STREET CLEANSING - APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTORS

RESOLVED:

- (1) That, on condition that East Hertfordshire District Council also accepts, the MEAT for Lot 1 be accepted;
- (2) That, providing the condition in (1) above is satisfied, the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Member for Waste, Recycling and the Environment, be authorised to accept the MEAT for Lot 2;
- (3) That the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services be authorised to issue notification of intention to award contracts to the bidders that submitted the MEAT for Lot 1 and Lot 2 respectively;
- (4) That, upon conclusion of the stand still periods, the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services be authorised to award contracts to the bidders that submitted the MEAT for Lot 1 and Lot 2 respectively;
- (5) That it be put on record that, Cabinet sincerely thanks all Officers involved in this project, from both authorities, for their efforts in bringing this joint contract about.

REASON FOR DECISION: To achieve efficiency savings in respect of the Waste and Street Cleansing contract without a reduction in the quality of service.

7 SHARED SERVICE FOR WASTE AND STREET CLEANSING - SELECTION OF OPTIONS

RESOLVED:

- (1) That a change in the way materials are collected, from separated paper to separated glass, be agreed in principle, on condition that this provides material financial savings;
- (2) That, once the financial impact of (1) above is known, and following consultation with East Hertfordshire District Council, determination of the collection option be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Member for Waste Management, Recycling and Environment;
- (3) That the introduction of weekly food waste collections and a chargeable garden waste collection service for the new contract, commencing on 9 May 2018 be agreed and that the charge for garden waste collection be £40 per annum;
- (4) That the provision of kerbside textile collections be continued;
- (5) That the separate collection of batteries from the kerbside be agreed for the new contract commencing on 9 May 2018;
- (6) That, following further liaison with the preferred bidder, determination of the viability of the kerbside collection of WEEE be delegated to the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services;

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- (7) That, in respect the recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet considered the views expressed in the feedback from the consultation and to the financial pressures that NHDC, along with all other Councils, are facing and the need to provide an affordable service and gave them due weight;
- (8) That, the Communications Manager be requested to ensure that a comprehensive communication plan is drawn up regarding implementation of the planned chargeable garden waste collection.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: That, unless alternative sources of funding for this purpose can be identified, £126,000 be added to the capital programme for the purchase of food waste caddies that will allow the weekly collection of food waste.

REASON FOR DECISION: To provide significant efficiency savings, additional services to residents and to promote recycling therefore supporting the Council's KPI to achieve 60 percent recycling.

8 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the following reports would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act. The relevant Paragraph is set out in the first page of each report.

9 SHARED SERVICE FOR WASTE AND STREET CLEANSING - APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTORS

RESOLVED: That the financial and legal implications of accepting the Lot 1 bid as set out in the report be noted.

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- (7) That it be noted that there is not a realistic option for the Council to purchase the vehicles.

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11 ORDER OF BUSINESS

Cabinet considered Items 9 and 10 (Minutes 48 and 49 refer) prior to consideration of Items 5, 6 and 7 (Minutes 44, 45 and 46 refer).

Each report was first considered by the simultaneous meeting of North Hertfordshire District Council Cabinet and East Hertfordshire District Council Executive.

The simultaneous meeting was suspended and the North Hertfordshire District Council Cabinet reconvened in a separate room within the building to continue the debate and consider the recommendations for each report.

For clarity each Minute below uses sub-headings to identify which parts of the debate were during the simultaneous meeting (Simultaneous Meeting) and which parts were discussed after the meeting of the North Hertfordshire District Council Cabinet (NHDC Only Cabinet Meeting) had reconvened.