

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday, 31st January, 2017 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: Monday, 6th February, 2017

The end of the call in period is 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th February, 2017 and therefore, the decisions can be implemented on Thursday, 16th February, 2017.

Present:

Chair - Mayor Ros Jones (Mayor of Doncaster with responsibility for Budget and Policy Framework)

Vice-Chair - Councillor Glyn Jones (Deputy Mayor and Portfolio holder for Adult Social Care and Equalities)

Cabinet Member for:

Councillor Joe Blackham	Regeneration and Transportation
Councillor Nuala Fennelly	Children, Young People and Schools
Councillor Pat Knight	Public Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Chris McGuinness	Communities, the Voluntary Sector and Environment
Councillor Bill Mordue	Business, Skills, Tourism and Culture
Councillor Jane Nightingale	Housing

Apologies:-

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Tony Corden.

PUBLIC MEETING – SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS

Public Questions and Statements

There were no public questions or statements made at the meeting.

The Decision records from the meeting held on 17th January, 2017 were noted.

DECISION 1

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

6. Domestic Violence Strategy 2017-2021.

2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet endorsed the content of the new Domestic Abuse Strategy 2017 – 2021.

3. REASON FOR DECISION

Cabinet received a report which provided an update on the new 2017-2021

Domestic Abuse Strategy. The partnership Strategy reflects the co-ordinated response to domestic abuse in Doncaster, led by the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP). One of the most important aspects of responding effectively to domestic abuse is that it cannot be achieved by any single agency operating in isolation.

Following an independent review of Domestic Abuse in Doncaster in 2012, the Partnership had made significant progress to bring partners together to tackle this important and cross cutting issue. Key achievements included improved governance and strategic leadership, a re-commissioned service for victims, increased awareness raising and lower risk victims receiving better support through specialist caseworkers, who also work in hospitals and GP surgeries.

The Growing Futures programme had enabled children and families affected by abuse, to now have access to a single lead professional co-ordinating work through a whole family approach, delivering therapeutic and educational programmes to help victims and children recover.

A new voluntary perpetrator programme had also been established with over 490 referrals being made and 116 service users successfully completing the programme. Intervention at this level had made a difference to families affected by abuse, who now felt safer as perpetrators now had the opportunity of changing their behaviour. This successful programme was now in the early stages of being replicated across the County, based upon the innovative approach the Authority had taken.

The Strategy focused upon the following three key outcomes:-

- Communities and families no longer experience domestic abuse;
- Families who are vulnerable to or experience domestic abuse are identified earlier and receive effective support to stay safe; reduce repeat victimisation and recover; and
- People who use abusive behaviour are challenged and provided with effective support to change or face the consequences of their actions.

Bill Hotchkiss, Head of Service, Community Safety was in attendance at the meeting to provide an overview of the Strategy.

In response to a query from Councillor Nuala Fennelly, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools regarding the legend identified in the pie chart at paragraph 1.3, 'Children's Social Care data' of Appendix 2 of the Strategy, the Head of Service for Community Safety agreed to amend the Strategy to incorporate the statistical information relating to each Concern Factor to provide greater clarity.

In referring to the RAG rating in Appendix 3 of the Strategy, Councillor Pat Knight sought clarity as to the reason why all of the actions in the performance information/scorecard had not been updated. The Head of Service, Community Safety explained that in terms of the action plan, work was on-going with all agencies involved, the Safer, Stronger Doncaster Partnership and the Chief Officer's Group to reflect what work had been completed, quick wins achieved and Officers were gathering together this information to update the action plan.

The Mayor and Members welcomed the Strategy which they felt was a very comprehensive document, which brought together all key agencies to tackle this important and cross cutting issue. Members were supportive of the recommended option for full implementation of the Strategy. Members acknowledged that the Strategy would be an evolving document which would be further developed over time and were encouraged by the work carried out so far. Members emphasised the need to closely monitor progress on implementation of the Strategy.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Option A - Do nothing - this is not a realistic option given the wide ranging impact of Domestic Abuse in Doncaster and the significant cost to individuals and partnership agencies.

Option B - Gradual or partial implementation of the Strategy – there is an option to choose elements of the Strategy to progress, which would achieve some positive outcomes, but the impact would be significantly reduced and would take some time to achieve the transformational change required.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations.

6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Not Exempt

7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Kim Curry, Director, Adults, Health and Well Being.

DECISION 2

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

7. Recycling and Waste Management Contract.

2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet agreed that:-

- (1) the decision to appoint the service provider and conclude all contractual documents for the Recycling and Waste Management Contract, together with the Supply of Vehicles and Receptacles, shall be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Voluntary Sector and Environment and the Chief Finance Officer;
- (2) the decision as to how the purchase of vehicles will be funded and the necessary amendments to the capital programme are delegated to the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Mayor, the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Voluntary Sector and Environment and the Director of Regeneration and Environment;

- (3) the following items are approved as part of the appointment of the service provider:
- add the vehicle and receptacle replacements to the Regeneration & Environment Capital Programme for 2017/18;
 - virement of budget to meet the capital costs, as referred to in Appendix 2, from the Finance & Corporate Services Capital Programme, which contains the Investment & Modernisation Fund allocation, into the Regeneration & Environment Capital Programme, where this scheme will be delivered and monitored.
- (4) the decision to agree to a minimal extension, if required, of the current waste collection contract with SITA/SUEZ to be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Voluntary Sector and Environment and the Chief Finance Officer; and
- (5) should the total cost (including the winning tender and borrowing costs) be higher than the £8.057m budget then the contract can only be awarded after sufficient additional budget has been identified. A further report will be presented to Cabinet if sufficient additional budget cannot be identified which will detail the budget pressures and resulting procurement options.

3. REASON FOR DECISION

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the procurement of the Recycling and Waste Management Contract and sought delegated authority to award the contract.

The current Recycling and Waste Management contract provided by 'SITA/SUEZ' terminates on 4th October, 2017. Officers had worked with external technical advisors, AMEC, to bring the affected services within the scope of a new service contract. The Contract was placed out to tender on 19th October 2016 titled 'Recycling and Waste Management Contract Together with the Supply of Vehicles and Receptacles'.

The advertised closing date for receipt of tenders was 9th January 2017, but recent industrial action by SITA/SUEZ staff had resulted in changes to terms and conditions and updated TUPE information now needed to be provided as part of the tender process, the Council had therefore extended the closing date until 6th February 2017. Contract award was expected to take place on or around 10th April 2017 with the Contract commencing on or around 24th April 2017, to allow the service provider sufficient time to purchase the vehicles and assets required to perform the contract. The service commencement date was anticipated to be 7th October 2017, however, in view of the timescales to procure bespoke vehicles it may be necessary to extend the current contract with SITA/SUEZ for a short period of time should this become necessary.

There was a requirement for transformation of the service under the existing contract to meet the requirements of the new contract within 6 months of Service Commencement. The main transformation will be to the method of collection for the

kerbside [household] recycling service.

A series of focus groups comprising residents and stakeholders had taken place between 12th and 23rd October 2015, which helped to inform and shape the development work for the new waste and recycling collection contract. Service options were developed by asking residents about their priorities and preferences from a range of proven service delivery models. Consultation was also undertaken with the Communities and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 29th October 2015, who supported the aims and options as outlined in paragraph 8 of the report.

A Borough wide consultation programme also took place during December 2015 to January 2016. The consultation received 3009 responses: 2691 online and 318 hard copies. Service options were scrutinised by asking residents about their priorities and preferences.

The results of the consultation undertaken had been clear that residents and Members shared 3 key priorities for a recycling collection system:-

- Online survey supported by advertising on social media;
- Roadshows and local press adverts;
- Paper copy surveys to complete at road shows, one-stop-shop and libraries.

Lee Garrett, Head of Service, Waste and Highways Infrastructure was in attendance to provide an update on the Waste and Recycling contract.

In welcoming the report, Members referred to the feedback from the consultation process, noting that the 90% of people who had responded, had overwhelmingly indicated that they preferred to move away from boxes to bins for recycling and that there had been a similar response in terms of garden waste collections being suspended over winter months in the year. Members highlighted the importance of robust consultation being undertaken, and that they had listened to residents' wishes regarding how the service is to be provided in order to deliver the best service within an envelope of funding available.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Option 2 – Do not approve the delegation of the decision to appoint the service provider

If the delegation was not approved, this would result in delays to the timetable with the potential for financial implications should a prolonged extension to the existing contract be required, which would require negotiations with the existing supplier.

Option 4 – Do not approve the addition of the vehicle and receptacle replacements to the Regeneration and Environment Capital programme for 2017/18

If the addition into the capital programme is not approved, Council may lose the opportunity to reduce the contract price by funding capital costs for vehicles. In addition, it would not be possible to fund the receptacles required to transform the recycling service as per the contract specification.

Option 6 – Do not approve the virement of budget from the Finance and Corporate Services Capital Programme, which contains the Investment and Modernisation Fund allocation, into the Regeneration and Environment capital Programme

If the virement is not approved, Council may lose the opportunity to reduce the contract price by funding the capital costs of Vehicles.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations.

6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Appendices 2 and 3 of the report are exempt because they contain exempt information under paragraph 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the authority holding that information) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Peter Dale, Director, Regeneration and Environment.

Signed.....Chair/Decision Maker