

STREET CLEANSING AND HORTICULTURE SERVICES

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 Work began in January 2018 to determine how the existing street cleansing and horticultural contract and services could be delivered when the current contract expires in January 2020.
- 1.2 The attached report and background information, as well as the appendices in the confidential part of the agenda were considered by the Environment and Living Scrutiny Committee on 24 July, 2018, following the recent appraisal process for future service delivery.

2 Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 2.1 Consider the comments made by the Environment and Living Scrutiny Committee on 24 July, 2018.
- 2.2 Recommend that Council approve Option 1A (the preferred option), in the light of the comments made by the Scrutiny Committee.

3 Executive summary

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee considered the attached report and background information, as well as the appendices in the confidential part of the agenda were considered by the Environment and Living Scrutiny Committee on 24 July, 2018. Members sought more information on various aspects of the report and were informed:-
 - Management of current in-house waste collection workforce at Pembroke Road and vehicle waste transfer notes.
 - Central Bedfordshire's experience of becoming unitary in 2009 and the effect on their waste, horticultural and street cleansing services.
 - Current performance of the two suppliers
 - The impact of each option in a single unitary scenario
- 3.2 The Scrutiny Committee appreciated the importance of the Street and Horticultural contract and noted the significance it had as a customer-facing service. After further discussion, Members of the Committee agreed with the recommendation that had been proposed to them, which was to approve Option 1A (the preferred option).

4. Options Considered / Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 These are covered in the attached report.

5. Resource Implications

- 5.1 Implementation costs and resources are to be identified once the programme team and steering group are established. It has been identified that internal expertise is available to deliver the programme, however, it is likely that some additional resource will be required depending on other priorities/workloads.

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