

HEALTH & HOUSING POLICY ADVISORY GROUP

Virtual Meeting - 25 March 2014

Members of the PAG were invited to comment via email on the following report and comments were received from Councillors A Dhillon, Matthews, Pepler, Pope and Simmonds.

48. PEST AND DOG CONTROL SERVICES - EXTENSION

The program for renewal of the pest and dog control framework, led by Wycombe District Council, has been running steadily further behind for some time, and it was now expected to be completed in time to commence a new contract from 1st November 2014.

In the meantime the extended pest control, dog control and stray dog contract with SDK Environmental is due to expire on 31 March 2014 and members of the PAG were asked to comment via email on a proposal to extend the current arrangements with SDK until 31 October 2014 pending completion of the framework tender for pest and dog control.

In response to questions raised the following points were clarified:

- the delay in completing the framework tender was due in the main to the additional burden of meeting EU procurement rules which resulted in a need to scrap and re-write the original tender documents produced nearly two years ago; and
- a contingency plan is in place should the framework tender not be ready in time as SDK would be approached for a local tender for both contracts. Implementation of the plan should not however be necessary as the expectation was that the framework will be agreed in April with the contracts let within the next two months and therefore before the October deadline.

Having considered the comments, all of which were supportive of the proposal, the Portfolio Holder has **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to the Cabinet that the service provided by SDK be extended until 31 October 2014 pending completion of the framework tender.