

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: Cllr Phil Davies

KEY DECISION: YES

PORTFOLIO AREA: Strategic Economic Development, Finance & Devolution

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: Strategic Economic Development, Finance & Devolution

WARDS AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT: Wirral Business Support Service

1. RECOMMENDATION:

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Economic Development, Finance & Devolution is requested to:

- 1.1 Consider the case for a new approach to delivering business support and authorise officers to progress the timeline as detailed in the report;
- 1.2 Authorise the Executive Director for Strategy (designate) to commence procurement and select a supplier(s) to deliver the commissioned services;
- 1.3 Authorise the Executive Director for Strategy (designate) to conclude the final contract award, including any relevant TUPE arrangements, subject to the outcome of full staff consultation.
- 1.4 Authorise the Executive Director for Strategy (designate) to respond to changes to financial allocations for additional activity as outlined in paragraph 4.4 of the report.



2. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1. A business case has been presented which reviews the options for reshaping the Council's Business Support Service. The key driver for redesigning the service is to realise pledge outcomes at pace, however the proposed new model does seek to reduce operating costs over time. As a minimum, the new delivery model will be cost neutral to the Council and provide a flexible, responsive Business Support Service for businesses and local organisations that ensures delivery of key Growth Plan Pledges at pace.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

3.1 The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Signed:  Executive Member: Cllr Phil Davies Date: 12 th October 2016 Also present:	Signed:  Chief Officer: Alan Evans Date: 12 th October 2016
Date of Senior Leadership Team Meeting(s): 13th September 2016	

A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

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