

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: CLLR MATTHEW PATRICK

KEY DECISION: YES

PORTFOLIO AREA: ENVIRONMENT

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: ENVIRONMENT

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT FOR A CONTRACT TO UNDERTAKE ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Cabinet Member is recommended to

- (i) Approve the appointment of Kingdom Environmental Services for the delivery of the Environmental Enforcement Contract for a period of 3 (three) years with the option to extend the contract (conditional) for a further 3 (three) years.

2. REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Wirral is a beautiful place to live in and work and visit, having a fantastic and unique environment which people love to experience and enjoy. The vast majority of Wirral's residents are proud of the borough and want to do the right thing to cherish and protect the local environment. However there is a sizeable minority of residents and visitors who do not respect Wirral's environment and damage or defile it through irresponsible and illegal actions. Wirral Council has made a commitment through the corporate pledges set out in the Wirral Plan, to drive behaviour change and transform the relationship between residents and their local environment. The Council has demonstrated during recent years that it is serious about tackling environmental crime through enforcement action. The high profile deterrent created through the enforcement regime of the initial Environmental Enforcement Contract is regarded as a key element that will drive behaviour change over time.

The Council's first Environmental Enforcement Contract, which has been in place since the summer of 2015, has proven to be successful in tackling key environment crimes such as littering and dog fouling, with tens of thousands

of enforcement actions taken and a number of high profile public awareness campaigns delivered. The first contract has enabled the Council to commence the journey to drive behaviour change with some early signs that it is beginning to happen. The Council wishes to build on the initial work of the first enforcement contract by establishing the next contract, recognising that there is more work to be done over time and, through the deterrent of enforcement action, to achieve the behaviour change being sought.

The Council has also taken the opportunity when preparing the new contract to review environmental enforcement requirements and identify priorities moving forward. Therefore the scope and specifications of the new contract have been revised from those for the original contract to reflect identified priorities and requirements.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

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

There are no conflicts of interest.

Signed:  Executive Member: Cllr M Patrick Date: 18 June 2018 Also present:	Signed:  Chief Officer: Mark Smith Date: 18 June 2018
Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):	

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

Contact Officer: Andy McCartan
Date: 11 June 2018

Date of Publication:

Date of Expiry of Call-In Period:

Form Reference: Executive Member Decision Form May 2012 v 1.0

