

MINUTE EXTRACT**ECONOMY, REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
4 MARCH 2021****38 BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES: COMMISSIONING INTENTIONS PAPER**

Councillor Jo Bird, having expressed a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in this item, left the meeting for the debate and vote.

The report of the Director of Regeneration and Place summarised progress of Wirral Council's Business Support Service commission which was to run to May 2021, and asked the Committee to endorse the extension of the current contract to September 2021 to align procurement timescales with the complementary Third Sector Infrastructure service and sought authority to undertake market procurement for a re-prioritised Business Support Service in 2021.

RESOLVED –

That Policy and Resources Committee be requested to approve the following recommendations:

- (1) An extension of the Business Support Services contract to 30 September 2021 be endorsed.**
- (2) The Director of Regeneration and Place, in consultation with the Chair and Spokespersons of the Economy and Regeneration and Development Committee, be authorised to:**
 - a. Approve the final Business Support Services specification for delivery of a new service from October 2021 to October 2024, with an option to extend by one year to October 2025 based on satisfactory performance.**
 - b. Commence procurement and select the most economically advantageous supplier(s) to deliver the commissioned services.**
 - c. Conclude the final contract award.**