

Agenda Item 7



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Report of: Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

Report to: Cabinet

Date of Decision: 15th November 2017

Subject: Call-In of Leader's decision on "Changes to Environmental Maintenance Services"

Is this a Key Decision? If Yes, reason Key Decision:-	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
- Expenditure and/or savings over £500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Affects 2 or more Wards	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Which Cabinet Member Portfolio does this relate to? <i>Environment and Streetscene</i>		
Which Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee does this relate to? Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee		
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If YES, what EIA reference number has it been given? <i>(Insert reference number)</i>		
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Purpose of Report:

This paper reports the outcome of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 2nd November 2017 where a Call-In of the Leader's decision on 10th October 2017 regarding "Changes to Environmental Maintenance Services" was considered.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

- a) Notes the decision of the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

Background Papers:

Leader of the Council's Decision on Changes to Environmental Maintenance Services

<https://imgmeetings.sheffield.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1887>

Lead Officer to complete:-		
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.	Finance: <i>(Insert name of officer consulted)</i> n/a
		Legal: <i>(Insert name of officer consulted)</i> n/a
		Equalities: <i>(Insert name of officer consulted)</i> n/a
<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>		
2	EMT member who approved submission:	<i>(Insert name of relevant Executive Director)</i> n/a
3	Cabinet Member consulted:	<i>(Insert name of relevant Cabinet Member)</i> n/a
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Decision Maker by the EMT member indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.	
	Lead Officer Name: <i>Alice Nicholson</i>	Job Title: Policy & Improvement Officer
	Date: <i>06/11/2017</i>	

Called-In Decision – Outcome of Scrutiny Committee Meeting

1. Leader's Decision

- 1.1 On the 10th October 2017 the Leader of the Council took the following decision:

Decision:

(i) the proposed changes to the street cleaning and grounds maintenance elements of the environmental maintenance service detailed in section 1.3 and Appendix A of the report are implemented in full subject to:

- a. the capital costs associated with implementing the proposed changes do not exceed the costs listed in Closed Appendix A of this report; and*
- b. the associated changes to the Contract are commercially acceptable to the Council; and*

(ii) the Leader delegates authority to the Interim Director of Finance and Commercial Services in consultation with the Executive Director, Place and the Director of Legal and Governance to vary the Streets Ahead contract following the finalisation of the capital costs required to fund the contract change and finalisation of the associated commercial changes required to the Streets Ahead contract.

2. Scrutiny

- 2.1 As per Part 4, section 16 of Sheffield City Council's Constitution, this decision was called in.
- 2.2 The Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee considered this call-in at a meeting held on 2nd November 2017.
- 2.3 The Committee heard from the relevant Cabinet Member, Council Officers, Councillors who called-in the decision, and member of the public. The issues discussed included detail of what will be the differences and possible impact for Street Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance, in particular resilience of Smart Bin technology, managing collection of detritus in pockets not so suited to mechanical sweeping, biodiversity and appropriate cutting of verges; make sure what should happen does happen; engaging with voluntary litter picking groups; and campaign to reduce litter.
- 2.4 The Scrutiny Committee:
- (a) agreed to take no action in relation to the called-in decision
 - (b) requests that an item be included in the work programme to examine the impact in 6 to 12 months of these changes to environmental maintenance.

3. Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

- a) notes the decision of the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee
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