

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 22 March 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety.

Date notified to all members: Thursday 22 March 2018

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on 28 March 2018

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from 29 March 2018

#### 1. **TITLE**

Cleared Sites Contract 2018-22

#### 2. **DECISION TAKEN**

- i) To approve the procurement of a contractor, by way of competitive tender, to deliver the services that forms the Cleared Sites Contract 2018-22.
- ii) To grant delegated powers to the Director of Financial and Commercial Services or their nominated representative to accept tenders and enter into all necessary contract award documentation for this project, in consultation with the Director of Housing and Neighbourhoods Service.

#### 3. **Reasons For Decision**

The current Cleared Sites contract expires on 31 March 2018. The re-procurement and award of a new contract to cover the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2022 will allow for the continued management of the sites in the programme, keeping them tidy, well-maintained and safe, as well as increasing the attractiveness of the sites to potential developers as and when they are advertised for sale and development.

#### 4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

##### **Do nothing**

One alternative option to re-procuring the Cleared Sites contract would be to let the current contract expire and not renew it. Whilst there would be obvious and immediate cost savings associated with this approach, the option was disregarded due to the substantial potential problems – both reputational and financial – that could arise if the cleared sites were not being maintained adequately. Many sites would become overgrown and unmanageable very quickly, and past experience suggests that poorly maintained sites attract increased instances of fly tipping and other anti-social behaviour, as well as reducing the potential saleability and develop ability of the land. Sites could very easily become trouble spots and excessive plant and weed growth could hide numerous dangers (hazardous tipped materials, drug paraphernalia, broken glass, etc.), jeopardising the safety of local residents.

**Deliver the contract in-house**

Another alternative to procuring an external contractor would be to use an in-house team from Parks & Countryside to carry out the works. However, the in-house service is currently unable to deliver this contract and has declined the opportunity.

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, Place

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee