

PART A - Initial Impact Assessment

Proposal Name: Contract to collect water rates from SCC tenants, as agent of Yorks Water

EIA ID: 2663

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Proposal Outline: New contract being proposed to allow SCC to continue to collect water rates from SCC tenants, on behalf of Yorkshire Water. This agreement is longstanding, and the contract requires renewing every 3 years

Proposal Type: Non-Budget

Year Of Proposal: 24/25

Lead Director for proposal: Janet Sharpe (HSG)

Service Area: Income Management and Financial Inclusion Team

EIA Start Date: 01/04/2024

Lead Equality Objective: Understanding Communities

Equality Lead Officer: Louise Nunn

Decision Type

Committees: Policy Committees

- Housing

Portfolio

Primary Portfolio: Neighbourhoods

EIA is cross portfolio: No

EIA is joint with another organisation: No

Overview of Impact

Overview Summary: The Income Management and Financial Inclusion Team proposes to enter a further 3 year contract for the period 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2027 with Yorkshire Water to collect water charges from Council tenants in homes where Yorkshire Water provide utilities. The Income Management and Financial Inclusion Team have been collecting these charges for over 20 years, and for the last 3 years under the contract that is due to end on 31st March 2024. 86% of all SCC tenants have their water provided by Yoirkshre Water, so covers al communitiies across the city. Tenants do no pay any more/less because SCC collect these charges, so no impact. The service provided by IMFIT is consistent regardless of different community groups, and support provided to tenants to help them manage their finances again is consistent across all custoer grouss

Impacted characteristics: •

Consultation and other engagement

Is consultation or other engagement required: No

This is a longstanding agreement for Yorkshire Water customers to pay their water charges to SCC, who collect with their weekly rent and any other charges as appropriate. No additional charge is made for this agreement, as SCC act as an agent to Yorkshire Water, so

teh charges are set by Yorkshire Water and would be the same if they were collected directly by themselves.

Cumulative Impact

Does the proposal have a cumulative impact: No

Impact areas:

Initial Sign-Off

Full impact assessment required: No

Review Date: 21/03/2024

Action Plan & Supporting Evidence

Outline of action plan:

Action plan evidence:

Changes made as a result of action plan:

Mitigation

Significant risk after mitigation measures: No

Outline of impact and risks:

Review Date

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21/03/2024