

# **Toilet Cleaning, Maintenance and coin collection**

# **Report of Chief Officer Environment & Place**

<b>PURPOSE OF REPORT</b> To seek approval from the Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Public Realm to tender a contract for the provision of toilet cleaning, maintenance and coin collection.					
Key Decision	X Non-Key D	ecision	Referral from Cabinet Member		
Date of notice of forthcoming key decision		28.11.24			
This report is p	oublic				

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) To commence procurement of a contract for the provision of public toilet cleaning, maintenance and coin collection
- (2) To delegate award of the contract to the Chief Executive

## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Council is in a position where it needs to secure a procurement contract for the provision of cleaning, maintenance and coin collection of the public toilets that are Council owned with the district.
- 1.2 Currently Danfo Ltd, carry out this service for 9 public conveniences as detailed below:
  - 1. Carnforth
  - 2. Bull Beck
  - 3. Glasson Dock
  - 4. Cornerstone
  - 5. Clocktower
  - 6. Arndale
  - 7. Festival Market
  - 8. Happy Mount Park
  - 9. Battery

It is hoped that following a successful tender process a supplier will be secured and that this will not only provide value for money for the supply of a service, but will also improve the service level agreements and standard of cleanliness within the public conveniences.

## 2.0 Proposal Details

To comply with the Council's procurement rules its necessary to advertise, via the CHEST procurement portal, an opportunity for businesses to tender for a contract to clean, maintain and collect the coin income on behalf of the council.

## 3.0 Details of Consultation

3.1 Officers who have been consulted are Public Realm Manager, Finance and Procurement.

	<b>Option 1:</b> Tender a contract to supply the following services clean and maintain public conveniences, including coin collection	<b>Option 2:</b> Do not tender a contract to supply the following services clean and maintain public conveniences, including coin collection
Advantages	Secure a competitive price for the supply of services. Well maintained public conveniences inline with contract required Signing a longer agreement could offer more competitive prices for a longer contract Reduce officer workload in terms of tendering contract more frequently	Unable to challenge any SLA or contract agreement already in place leading to unsatisfactory toilet provision
Disadvantages	If not happy with supplier of goods tied into a long term contract	
Risks	Fail to secure a supplier	Continue with the current arrangement and breach contract procedure rules

# 4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

# 5.0 Officer Preferred Option (and comments)

Officers preferred option is option 1 as this will result in the procurement of a public conveniences cleaning and maintenance contract that is not in place at the moment.

## 6.0 Conclusion

6.1 It is necessary to tender this contract to significantly improve the districts public conveniences, leading to a cleaner, more attractive and environmentally sustainable district.

# **RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK**

Aligns with the council's policy framework.

## CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, HR, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

Providing public toilets is not a statutory function. However, not offering this could have an impact on the community that they serve.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal Services will be able to advise on the appropriate form of contract for the tender and to deal with any post award formalities in relation to the same.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The draft revenue budget for 2025/26 includes budgetary provision for the award of this contract. Should this amount not be sufficient (or conversely in excess) then a further operational adjustment will be made to the net financial position of the general fund and fed into the budget process as appropriate.

By tendering this contract, we position ourselves to secure more advantageous agreements, which in turn leads to a better service.

## OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Human Resources:

Potential TUPE

Information Services:

None.

Property:

## Open Spaces:

## **SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments to add

## MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Contract Procedure Rules require member delegated authority to the Chief Executive to commence procurements of this size

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