

CALL IN REQUEST BY SUE MULLINS OF THE LABOUR GROUP:

EXECUTIVE DECISION HI22 18.19 – HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE TERM CONTRACT PROCUREMENT

Reasons for the Call-in request:

The likely value of the proposed new contract arrangements will see the Council commit to new contract arrangements for up to the next 10 years to a value of between £50m - £70m, a vast amount of money. Given that the previous procurement process led to a legal challenge there is a need for members to be wholly satisfied that this is the most appropriate arrangement for the County Council.

We consider the publication of this proposed decision to be premature as it is being published before the Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee has had an opportunity to scrutinise the full options appraisal (planned for 14 January 2019). Publishing this proposal now limits the options to either a single provider HMTc or a multiple provider model, despite the fact that a number of procurement models and other options are available.

Outcome sought:

For the decision process to be halted to enable members of the Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee to scrutinise the proposals. When that opportunity arises, the following information should be provided:

- The views of the LGA peer review in respect of these procurement arrangements;
- A summary of contemporary best practice based on visits to local authorities;
- A clear indication as to how up to £1.5m savings by 2020/21 will be realised;
- The extent to which social value will be added through the proposed arrangements, and
- Why the insourcing option does not appear to have been adequately investigated, or then seriously considered, when it has surely been a credible option, given the previous procurement failure.

This call-in request is supported by:

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