

Council Meeting

16 July 2013

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE

1. REPORTS EXEMPT FROM CALL-IN

These matters are reported to the Council to meet Constitutional requirements (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16.8). No action is required by the Council and the decision has been implemented.

In the case listed below, the Chairman of the Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision proposed was reasonable in all the circumstances, was urgent and therefore had consented to the proposed decision being exempted from call-in:

Cabinet Resources Committee on the 24 June 2013 approved the following;

1. Information Systems Contract Extensions - Report of the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources and Performance

The extension of contracts identified by Information Systems as necessary to maintain business as usual delivery during transition of services to the Council's New Support & Customer Services Organisation (NSCSO) partner.

The decision was considered urgent for contract arrangements which had expired or were due to expire before 31 July 2013 for which transitional arrangements have been delayed in light of a Judicial Review and subsequent pending appeal.

2. Interim Measure for Continuation of Critical Services - Report of the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources and Performance

The waiver of the Contract Procedure Rules and approve the Council entering into an interim contract with Capita up to a value of £14.7m to secure the business critical activities detailed in Section 9 of the report in order that the Council can continue to provide effective services. The arrangement will be in place until 31st January 2014 or until the outcome of the appeal is known when the interim contract will either be replaced by the full NSCSO contract with Capita or a review carried out to ascertain future options will be undertaken.

Any delay involved in awaiting call-in to the Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee (whose next meeting is not due to take place until 3 July 2013) would result in the council being unable to restore or ensure continuity of essential business and critical ICT services.

RECOMMEND - That Council note the reports exempted from call-in.

2. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT CHAMPION

The Leader has appointed Councillor John Hart the Natural Environment Champion.

RECOMMEND – That Council note the appointment of Councillor John Hart as Natural Environment Champion.