

**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**

**REF No 391.21**

<b>A1</b> Service Area	Regulatory Services
<b>A2</b> Title	Stray Dogs Contract Extension
<b>A3</b> Decision Taken By	Deputy Leader/ Chief Officer
<b>A4</b> Chief Officer	Please print name: Mark Rizk  Please sign name: <a href="#">Approval by email 230322</a>
<b>A5</b> Leader / Deputy Leader	Please print name: Cllr Bernard Peters  Please sign name: <a href="#">Approval by email 230322</a>
<b>A6</b> Date of Decision	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022

**Confidentiality**

<b>A7</b> Is this Decision confidential by containing exempt information as described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972?	No
<b>A7.1</b> If yes, please state relevant paragraph from Schedule 12A LGA 1972.	N/A

**Scrutiny**

**A8** Which Scrutiny Committee should this decision be submitted to? *(Please tick as appropriate)* ✓

Scrutiny (Audit & Value for Money Council Services) Committee X

Scrutiny (Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being) Committee

<b>B1</b> What is the Decision?	To extend the Stray Dogs contract by a further 2 years as per the option in the contract.
<b>B2</b> What are the reasons for the Decision?	<p>Noah's Ark Environmental have provided the Council with a comprehensive service since April 2015 and with the recent contract since April 2018. During this time, Noah's Ark Environmental have demonstrated a well-structured and customer friendly approach to managing stray dogs in East Staffordshire.</p> <p>Although the initial 3 year contract expired April 2021 there has been no break in service delivery of the contract during the pandemic months to date.</p> <p>Operating since 2004, Noah's Ark Environmental have a wealth of knowledge and experience in this specialised field. They serve an extensive client base including other local authorities.</p> <p>Extending the contract to its full term of April 2023 by taking up the extension option we will be able to achieve a seamless service with no anticipated impact on service users.</p> <p>The Terms and Conditions remain the same along with the costs so financially and contractually it remains value for money.</p> <p>The nature of the service is such that there are no other businesses (that are known) in this field, the same as last time the service went to tender.</p>
<b>B3</b> What are the contributions to Corporate Priorities?	Value for Money Council
<b>B4</b> What are the Human Rights considerations?	There are no Human Rights issues arising from this decision.

## Financial Implications

<b>B5</b> What are the financial implications?	<p>The MTFS provides for a total budget of £7k based on average contract expenditure over several years reflecting the variable nature of the work in involved.</p> <p>There are no financial implications from extending the contract on the same terms and conditions.</p>
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Revenue	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
N/A			

Capital	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
N/A			

<p>The finance section has been approved by the following member of the Financial Management Unit:</p>	<p>Please print name: Anya Murray</p> <p>Please sign name: <a href="#">Approval by email 230322</a></p>
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## Policy Framework

<b>B6</b> Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's policy framework?	Yes
<b>B6.1</b> If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	N/A
<b>B6.2</b> Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	N/A
<b>B7</b> Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's budget?	Yes
<b>B7.1</b> If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	N/A
<b>B7.2</b> Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	N/A

## Equalities Implications

**B8** What are the Equalities implications: N/A

**B8.3** The subject of this decision is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.

## Risk Assessment

**B9** What are the Risk Assessment implications: N/A

**B9.3** The risks do not need to be entered in the Risk Register. Any financial implications to mitigate against these risks are considered above.

## Legal Considerations

**B10** What are the Legal Considerations:

**B10.1** As stated in the Report, the Council have an option in the Contract to extend the original term for a further period of 2 years.

Alternatively, the Council could decide not to exercise the option and re-tender the Service if this was more commercially advantageous.

This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team

Please print name: Glen McCusker – Interim Solicitor.

Please sign name: [Approval by email 230322](#)

## **Sustainability Implications**

**B11** What are the Sustainability implications: N/A

## **Health & Safety Implications**

**B12** What are the Health & Safety implications: N/A

**B12.1** A Risk Assessment has not been carried out and entered into Safety Media for all significant hazards and risks because there are no significant hazards or risks arising from this decision.

## Key Decision

**B13** Is this a Key Decision?      No

**Note: A Key Executive Decision is one where:**

1. **REVENUE** – Any contract or proposal with an annual payment or saving of more than £100,000
2. **CAPITAL** – Any capital project with a value in excess of £150,000
3. A decision which significantly affects communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards.

<b>B13.1</b> If this is a Key Decision, is this an urgent decision such that a delay caused by use of the Call-in Procedure would <u>seriously</u> prejudice the public interest?	N/A
<b>B13.2</b> If yes, has the Mayor or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor or in his/her absence the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision will be exempt from Call-in?	N/A

**NOTE:** If this decision is subject to the Call-in Procedure it will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 3 working days after publication – unless 10 Members of the Council call in the decision.

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