

To: All Members

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8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Dear Councillor** 

## **DECISION NOTICE - EXECUTIVE HELD ON MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2023**

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith, for your attention, a copy of the Decision Notice of the Executive held on Monday 6th November 2023.

Set out below is the procedure for calling in decisions of the Executive. Only Key Decisions may be called in. Request forms to call in a decision of the Executive may be obtained from the Governance Team.

#### <u>Deadline date for calling in Key Decisions contained in the Decision Notice.</u>

#### WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2023

#### Number of Members required to call in an item.

**Three Scrutiny Members** 

### Method by which items may be called in.

By completion of the form available from the Governance Team

#### Recording of called in items.

Governance shall be responsible for keeping and maintaining a log of called in items. In practice this log will be kept by the Governance Officers who are themselves authorised to accept notifications from Members.

A log shall be maintained in chronological order according to when requests are received. This log will be open for inspection by any Member of the Council, upon request.

Yours sincerely

J. S. Fieldrend

Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer



# **DECISION NOTICE OF THE EXECUTIVE**

# **MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2023**

AGENDA ITEM		DECISION
5	Urgent Item of Business Appointment of Contractor to Deliver Hyper-Local Net Zero Innovation Programme  Call-In for this item has been waived by agreement of the Chair of the Council	RESOLVED that the appointment of the preferred supplier (Nottingham Trent University), and to enter into a contract agreement to be drafted and issued by Legal Services and managed by Dragonfly Management (Bolsover) Limited, be approved.  REASON FOR DECISION: To allow delivery of the UKSPF Hyper-Local Net Zero Innovation Programme to commence and prevent any unspent UKSPF monies being returned to Government after March 2025.  Dragonfly Management (Bolsover) Limited will manage the appointment and ongoing contract management of the first-choice supplier, based on the evaluation of tender submissions and results of the scoring matrix. This will enable the contract to be awarded and the supplier to start delivering against the contract.  The contract will commence 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 until 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025.  OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: To deliver the Net Zero Innovation Programme in house, however this would result in the need to employ additional staff members. This would also mean a period of delay in the service provision as it would take time to recruit and appoint qualified staff. It is unlikely that the post would be attractive to suitably qualified recruits, as it would be a temporary post for less than two years.  To do nothing and return unspent UKSPF monies
		to Government.
6	Budget Monitoring	RESOLVED that 1) the monitoring position of the General Fund at the end of the second quarter as detailed on Appendix 1 to the report, (a net favourable variance of £1.579m against the profiled budget), and the key issues highlighted within the report be noted, 2) the position on the Housing Revenue Account

(HRA), the Capital Programme and Treasury Management at the end of the second quarter (Appendices 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to the report), be noted.

#### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The report summarises the financial position of the Council following the second quarter's budget monitoring exercise for the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account, Capital Programme and Treasury Management activity.

The Medium-Term Financial Strategy approved in July 2023 stated that it is the Council's intention to monitor the budgets of the services transferred into Dragonfly Developments as part of the budget monitoring process

## **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The Budget Monitoring report for 2023/24 is primarily a factual report which details progress against previously approved budgets. Accordingly, there are no alternative options to consider.

# **KEY DECISIONS**

AGENDA ITEM		DECISION
7	Revised BDC Housing Allocations Policy	RESOLVED that 1) the Council's Revised Allocations Policy be approved, and a public consultation process be carried out,
		2) the Assistant Director of Housing Management and Enforcement be given delegated powers in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader, and Portfolio Holder for Housing, to adopt the Revised Allocations Policy in the absence of any substantive changes following consultation.
		REASON FOR DECISION:
		It is a statutory requirement that Councils have an allocations policy in place under Part VI of the Housing Act 1996. The policy needs to reflect changes in legislation and Government guidance as well as local requirements.
		It is important that the policy is regularly reviewed to ensure that it remains fit for purpose and continues to ensure that the limited resource of

social housing is allocated fairly, in line with legislation and with local and national priorities.

The unprecedented demand on the housing register means we need to ensure the policy balances the availability of resources with housing needs.

#### OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The policy is considered necessary so that members of the public are aware of the Council's position on allocations to ensure that the bands reflect the statutory housing need and that the policy is applied consistently.

# 8 Award three-year mobile phone and data contract, procured via NHS London Procurement Partnership framework agreement

**RESOLVED** that the three-year contract for mobile phone and data services be awarded to EE/BT.

#### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The procurement was completed using the NHS London Procurement partnership agreement Framework.

EE/BT are the existing supplier which will avoid the need to port existing number to another network or to replace the SIM cards / devices or APN.

#### **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

To do nothing will cost the Council more money as currently spend is approximately £54,000 per year or £162,000 over 3 years on the existing mobile contract, this may continue to increase whilst out of contract.

The aggregated data tariff will not increase from 250mb to 1Gb per device, likely resulting in increased cost by exceeding the data allowance.

The Council would need to provide additional funds to replace devices as there would be no technical fund (£47,975) available on the existing contract.

To invite alternative suppliers to submit bids under the framework, this would:

- Incur porting (transferring) all 417
   existing numbers to the new supplier,
   with potential disruption to service.
- May necessitate the replacement of all or some SIM cards and mobile phones, this

		<ul> <li>would be a significant workload.</li> <li>Would not guarantee a better quality of service, signal coverage or cost.</li> <li>Result in increased costs to the Council during the procurement process.</li> <li>The frameworks complete comparisons to provide value for money and competitively priced tariffs from all suppliers.</li> </ul>
9	Management of Corporate Debt - Write Off of Outstanding Amounts	RESOLVED that the amounts included at 2.1 (£157,515.25) of the report, and individually detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be written off.  REASON FOR DECISION: Given that all available options to recover this debt have been explored, it is important that the Council recognises the position and approves the write-off of the uncollectable debt.
		OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: These are outlined in the main body of the report.

Only Key Decisions may be called in. All other decisions will be actioned immediately with the exception of those referred to Council (shown in italics).