

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Executive
Date: 28 October 2019
Report for: Decision
Report of: Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change

Report Title

**Highways, Transportation, Environment and Consultancy Services (HTEC20)
Proposed Changes to Service Delivery**

Summary

This Part 1 report describes the approach taken to implementing the Executive's recommendations from July 2019 relating to service delivery options for services currently provided under a contract between the Council and Amey LG (the One Trafford Partnership for Highways, Transportation, Environment and Consulting services).

Recommendations

The Executive are recommended to:

- 1. Note the approach taken set out in Part 1 of this report;**
- 2. Approve the recommended next steps as set out in the Part 2 report;**
- 3. Delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Place, in consultation with the Corporate Director for Finance and Systems and the Corporate Director for Governance and Community Strategy to take the necessary steps to implement the recommended next steps;**
- 4. Request that a further report be brought back to the Executive in due course.**

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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Background Papers: None.

Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities	Successful and Thriving Places Pride in our Area Green and Connected
Relationship to GM Policy or Strategy Framework	No
Financial	Financial risks and affordability are a key element in this case for change. Summary tables are provided within the main body of the Part 2 report..
Legal Implications:	The information contained in the associated Part 2 report is subject to legal professional privilege and therefore should not be divulged to any third party without the express prior written approval of the Council's Monitoring officer. Disclosure could seriously compromise the Council's position in relation to this matter.
Equality/Diversity Implications	All implications will be considered at the point if future service delivery models are agreed and rolled out.
Sustainability Implications	Services take account of sustainability requirements in their day to day delivery and in policy and strategy, it is also considered
Resource Implications e.g. Staffing / ICT / Assets	There are substantial financial and other resource implications for the Council in determining alternative future service delivery models which are detailed in Part 2 of this report.
Risk Management Implications	Identification of risk has been a key priority for the Council in developing this case for change. It operates a strategic risk register for the overall change programme and individual work streams have their own detailed risk log and mitigation for each enabling service or service delivery block
Health & Wellbeing Implications	None
Health and Safety Implications	Services take account of health and safety requirements in their day to day delivery. The Council also has its own enabling work stream to ensure that compliance is met

1.0 Background

- 1 In February 2019, a report produced by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group (O&SC Report) was considered by the Executive. The OSC report requested that the Executive conduct an assessment of the viability of the following three options;

- (1) *"Consider alternative models of service delivery, including the development of an In-House Service model, with a view to ending the contract with Amey.*
 - (2) *Review the contract with Amey with a clear intent that there should be a wholesale reshaping of the contract and partnership between Amey and the Council.*
 - (3) *Continue the Amey Contract and seek significant improvements to the delivery of existing services".*
- 2 The Council then engaged Addleshaw Goddard LLP (who advised on the drafting and negotiation of the original 2015 Contract) to conduct an appraisal of these options, in conjunction with Council officers (**Options Appraisal**).
 - 3 Subsequently, at the Council's Executive in July, the Executive approved five recommendations in relation to next steps, involving additional due diligence and consideration of possible options.
 - 4 Part 2 of this report contains details of the steps taken and progress made by the Council in relation to these five recommendations.

Other Options

The Council is examining the viability of the three options for future service delivery and at this stage no other options are being considered. The option to do nothing is not under consideration for the reasons set out in Part 2 of the July Options Appraisal report.

Consultation

Formal consultation is not required at this stage.

Reasons for Recommendation

The recommendations set out on page 1 of this report reflect the progress made to date on the case for change as directed by the Executive in July 2019 following recommendations of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Key Decision (as defined in the Constitution):	Yes
If Key Decision, has 28-day notice been given?	Yes

Exempt Information

By virtue of Paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order, the following information has been excluded from Part 1 of this report and included in Part 2 of the report:

1. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Finance Officer Clearance **NB**
Legal Officer Clearance **JLF**

CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE 

To confirm that the Financial and Legal Implications have been considered and the Executive Member has cleared the report.