

Report to:	Cabinet	Date of Meeting:	Thursday 6 October 2022
Subject:	Extension of Parking & Environmental Enforcement Contract		
Report of:	Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection)	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:	Cabinet Member - Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services		
Is this a Key Decision:	Y	Included in Forward Plan:	Yes
Exempt / Confidential Report:	N		

Summary: To seek a six month extension to the contract for the provision of Parking and Environmental Enforcement, Cash Collection and Car Park Management.

Recommendation(s):

(1) It is recommended that the Assistant Director (Place) - Highways and Public Protection, in consultation with the Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services be authorised to agree a six-month extension to the contract for the provision of Parking and Environmental Enforcement, Cash Collection and Car Park Management.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s): To ensure continued provision of a statutory service until the tender exercise can be completed

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: No other options are available

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

The cost of the extension to the contract will be met from the existing budget within the service.

(B) Capital Costs

There are no direct capital cost implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): There are no Financial, IT, staffing, or asset resource implications other than the cost of the contract extension which will be met from the existing budget within the service.

Legal Implications: Procurement Regulatory Framework and Contract Procedure Rules

Climate Emergency Implications:

The recommendations within this report will

Have a positive impact	Y
Have a neutral impact	N
Have a negative impact	N
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Y

Extension of the contract will ensure on-going parking enforcement to reduce congestion and consequently reduce emissions

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: Continued enforcement will contribute towards how safe and happy residents and visitors feel when living or visiting an area. Parking enforcement helps ensure that designated parking spaces for disabled people are not used by able bodied people and helps ensure safe access along highways is maintained.

Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Will make people feel safer and more confident to go out or use facilities within the community

Commission, broker and provide core services: Sefton Council has a statutory duty to take steps to maintain traffic movements, prevent road traffic collisions and assist road users

Place – leadership and influencer: Not Applicable

Drivers of change and reform: Not Applicable

Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: On going enforcement contributes towards maintaining access for all and improving the local environmental quality of the Borough.

Greater income for social investment: Not Applicable

Cleaner Greener – Continued parking and environmental enforcement will contribute to maintaining a cleaner, greener Sefton.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD.6953/22) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.5153/22) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations – With the current service provider

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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Appendices:

There are no appendices to this report

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 The Parking and Environmental Enforcement Contract is due to terminate on the 31st March 2023 and officers in Highways & Public Protection have been discussing the process for retendering the contract with the Council's Procurement Service Manager.
- 1.2 In accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules, officers have regularly monitored contract performance and are satisfied that the contractor has performed well throughout the period of contract.
- 1.3 The Procurement Service Manager has indicated that there is an opportunity to extend the contract for a period of up to six months, and the current Contractor has indicated a willingness to continue to deliver the contract in line with the current contract terms. This would provide the Council with improved price certainty for the delivery of the current service, at a time of rapidly increasing costs, and thereby assist effective budget management over the next 12 months.
- 1.4 Officers are satisfied that extending the Contract for 6 months would continue to offer best value to the Council over this period, when considering the combination of cost, quality and efficiency that the contract, current contractor, and proposed approach provides.
- 1.5 Over this time period, A Public Contract Regulations compliant procurement process will be carried out in order to secure a replacement contract from the extended termination date.
- 1.6 It therefore proposed to extend the current contract for a period of six months from 1st April 2023.