

**Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and  
Scrutiny Committee (Calling – In)**

**14 July 2015**

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

**Called-in Item: Procurement of Council Security Services**

**Summary**

1. This report sets out the reasons for the call-in of the decisions made by the Executive on 25 June 2015 to commence a procurement exercise for a comprehensive set of council wide security services, to include on site security services in all council properties, fire alarm response and investigations and the provision of the Council's CCTV control room operation and ongoing maintenance.

This cover report sets out the powers and role of the Corporate & Scrutiny Management & Policy & Scrutiny Committee in relation to dealing with the call-in.

**Background**

2. An extract from the Decision Sheet issued after the Executive meeting is attached as Annex A to this report. This sets out the decision taken by the Executive on the called-in item. The original report to the Executive meeting on the called-in item is attached as Annex B to this report.
3. The Executive's decision has been called in by Councillors D'Agorne, Craghill and Kramm for review by the Corporate & Scrutiny Management Policy & Scrutiny Committee (CSMPSC) (Calling-In), in accordance with the constitutional requirements for call-in. The Members indicated that they only wished to call in the element of the decision as it related to CCTV monitoring and the extension of security services to other council buildings. The following are the reasons given for the call-in:

- Full details of the scope of the Council buildings to be included have not been provided eg. does this include schools and community centres?
- No details of the scale of the extension of the contract from West Offices to all Council buildings have been provided ie how many posts will be affected and by how much will the value of the contract increase?
- There is no mention of the Council's commitment to protect the Living Wage for all staff and whether or not retention of the Living Wage will be required as part of the new contract.
- Regarding the option to include the CCTV operations centre in the contract, there is no evidence of consultation with Safer York Partnership, the Police or the unions prior to this decision, nor any assessment of the impact on public confidence from the city's CCTV cameras being managed and run by a private operator.
- There is no recognition that services such as the Mansion House are specialised with a special importance to the city and rely on experienced specialist staff.

## **Consultation**

4. In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, the calling-in Members have been invited to attend and/or speak at the Call-In meeting, as appropriate.

## **Options**

5. The following options are available to CSMPSC (Calling-In) Members in relation to dealing with this call-in, in accordance with the constitutional and legal requirements under the Local Government Act 2000:
  - a. To decide that there are no grounds to make specific recommendations to the Executive in respect of the report. If this option is chosen, the original decision taken on the item by the Executive on 25 June 2015 will be confirmed and will take effect from the date of the CSMPSC (Calling-In) meeting; or
  - b. To make specific recommendations to the Executive on the report, in light of the reasons given for the call-in. If this option

is chosen, the matter will be reconsidered by the Executive at a meeting of Executive (Calling-In) to be held on 23 July 2015.

### **Analysis**

6. Members need to consider the reasons for call-in and the report to the Executive and form a view on whether there is a basis to make specific recommendations to the Executive in respect of the report.

### **Council Plan**

7. There are no direct implications for this call-in in relation to the delivery of the Council Plan and its priorities for 2011-15.

### **Implications**

8. There are no known Financial, HR, Legal, Property, Equalities, or Crime and Disorder implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matter before Members; namely, to determine and handle the call-in.

### **Risk Management**

9. There are no risk management implications associated with the call in of this matter.

### **Recommendations:**

10. Members are asked to consider all the reasons for calling in this decision and decide whether they wish to confirm the decisions made by the Executive or refer the matter back for reconsideration and make specific recommendations on the report to the Executive.

**Reason:** To enable the called-in matter to be dealt with efficiently and in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

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**Report  
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**Date** 6 July 2015

**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:**

**All**



**For further information please contact the author of the report**

### **Annexes**

Annex A – Extract from the Decision Sheet produced following the Executive meeting on the called-in item.

Annex B – Report of the Assistant Director of Finance, Asset Management & Procurement and the Assistant Director for Transport, Highways and Fleet, 25 June 2015

### **Background Papers**

None