

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Notice is given of the following proposed Key Decisions (whether proposed to be taken in public or in private) and of Executive Decisions including key decisions) intended to be considered in a private meeting:-

Item no.	Matter in respect of which a decision is to be made	Decision-maker (if individual, name and title, if body, its name and see below for list of members)	Key Decision Y/N	Anticipated date of decision/ period in which the decision is to be taken	Private meeting Y/N	Reasons for the meeting to be held in private	Documents submitted to the decision-maker in relation to the matter	Address to obtain further information
230208/784	To extend the Council's Water Retail Services Contract with Anglian Water Business (National) Limited for 24 months, in accordance with the terms of the original contract	Director of Finance	Y	16 March 2023	N	Not applicable.	Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

Note; Some of the documents listed may not be available if they are subject to an exemption, prohibition or restriction on disclosure.

Further documents relevant to the matters to be decided can be submitted to the decision-maker. If you wish to request details of those documents (if any) as they become available, or to submit representations about a proposal to hold a meeting in private, you should contact Governance Services at the address below.

Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of documents submitted to the decision-maker can also be obtained from the Governance Services team City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, or by email to committees@sunderland.gov.uk

***Other documents relevant to the matter may be submitted to the decision maker and requests for details of these documents should be submitted to Governance Services at the address given above.**

Who will decide;

Councillor Graeme Miller – Leader; Councillor Claire Rowntree – Deputy Leader & Clean Green City; Councillor Paul Stewart - Cabinet Secretary; Councillor Louise Farthing – Children, Learning and Skills; Councillor Kelly Chequer – Healthy City; Councillor Linda Williams – Vibrant City; Councillor Kevin Johnston – Dynamic City.

This is the membership of Cabinet as at the date of this notice. Any changes will be specified on a supplementary notice.

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15 February 2023

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR WATER RETAIL (SUPPLY) SERVICES

February 2023

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ASSURANCE AND PROPERTY SERVICES

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek approval to extend the Council's current Water Retail Services contract with Anglian Water Business (National) Limited, for a further 2-year period.

2. Background and Proposal

- 2.1 The Council's current utilities contract for Water Retail Services was awarded for an initial period of 2 years on 1 April 2021, following a call off from the NEPO Water Retail Services framework.
- 2.2 NEPO have subsequently extended its Water Retail Services framework for a further 2 years, and there is now the opportunity for the Council to also extend its contract for an equivalent 2-year period.
- 2.3 The cost of the extension is anticipated to be in the region of £1,200,000 per annum. However, this is a demand driven utilities service contract and the cost can vary over the duration of the contract depending on demand/usage.
- 2.4 Provision exists within the Council's revenue budget for this cost. The total cost of the variation is expected to be in the region of £2,400,000.

3. Reasons for the Decision

- 3.1 This is a key utilities contract which underpins the day-to-day workings of the Council, and which provides for water supply to all Council facilities. Extending the current contract will help ensure continuation of a key utility supply, required to enable the day-to-day workings of the Council.
- 3.2 The Council's current contract with Anglian Water Business (National) Limited commenced on 1 April 2021, and contains provision for the contract to be extended for a further 2 year period. To date, the service has been provided in accordance with the Council's requirements, and continues to represent value for money.
- 3.3 Extending the current contract will help minimise any risk of disruption to the workforce and Council services that may arise following a change of provider.

4. Alternative Decisions

The alternative option is not to extend the existing contract. This option is not recommended as it means the Council would need to separately procure its own standalone contract for Water Retail Services, and would not benefit from the collective bargaining power (and any favourable rates and savings) secured by NEPO when it established the regional Water Retail Services framework.

5. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Director of Finance approves the extension of the Council's existing contract for Water Retail Services for a period of 24 months, from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025.