

DECISION TITLE: Changes to street cleansing services within the Amey contract following the 2015/16 budget
Councillor Elsey, Cabinet Member for Street Scene, Waste Management and Communications
March 2015
Deadline date: <i>March 2015</i>

Cabinet portfolio holder:	Councillor Elsey, Cabinet Member for Street Scene, Waste Management and Communications
Responsible Director:	John Harrison, Corporate Director: Resources
Is this a Key Decision?	If yes has it been included on the Forward Plan: Yes Unique Key decision Reference from Forward Plan: KEY/13FEB15/01
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO
Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto?	NO

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- a) confirm the implementation of changes to street cleansing services provided by Amey, subsequent to Full Council's approval of a reduction of £165,000 in the budget, as follows:
 - An increased use of mechanical equipment to keep the City Centre clean, which will impact upon the staffing costs.
 - The replacement of approximately 600 lamp post bins with larger floor mounted bins, tripling litter bin capacity.
 - To seek sponsorship for new floor mounted litter bins and other areas of environmental services in order to generate an income.
 - An investment in four new small sweepers which will enable a smaller, more efficient cleansing team, which will impact upon staff allocated to street cleansing.
- b) approve capital investment of £814,000 to achieve these savings, broken downs as follows:
 - 4 small mechanical sweepers - £457,500;
 - 2 precinct sweepers - £174,750;
 - 1 pedestrian waste collection machine - £18,375;
 - 600 floor mounted bins - £163,500
- c) approve an additional capital sum for Street Cleansing of £200,000 to enable further investment into making services more efficient and to help keep our city clean, delegating this budget to be held by the Corporate Director: Resources who will draw on it to make appropriate investment in new equipment.

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 This report is submitted to the Cabinet Member for Street Scene, Waste Management and Communications to approve the service changes and capital investment in respect of street cleansing services provided by Amey following approval of the 2015 / 16 budget.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 2.1 This report is for Cabinet Member for Street Scene, Waste Management and Communications to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.6 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (b).

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	N/A
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4. DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED

- 4.1 On the 17 December 2014 the proposed Street Cleansing savings in respect of the Amey contract went to Full Council and were voted to be carried through as part of the budget for 2015/16

- 4.2 This CMDN proposes that the Cabinet Member for Street Scene, Waste Management and Communications confirms the implementation of the following changes to the Amey contract:-
- To invest and increase the mechanical equipment available to keep the city centre clean. This will include two mechanical sweepers and a motorised waste collection machine. As a result, staffing costs will be reduced in the city centre. This reduction will impact mainly on the outlying streets of the city centre. This proposal will make a saving of £33,000.
 - To replace approximately 600 lamp post bins with new floor mounted bins, therefore tripling litter bin capacity across the city. This should lead to less litter on the streets generating a saving due to fewer litter collections being needed. This proposal will make a saving of £17,000.
 - To seek sponsorship for the new litter bins and other areas of environmental services in order to generate an income of £40,000.
 - A 30 per cent reduction in the staffing currently allocated to cleansing and litter picking in 1,886 streets. This reduction in staff will be supported by an investment in four new small sweepers enabling the smaller team to be more efficient. This proposal makes a saving of £75,000.
- 4.3 In order to achieve these efficiency savings, this CMDN proposes that the Cabinet Member for Street Scene, Waste Management and Communications approves a capital investment of £814,000 which will be required for the following pieces of equipment:-
- 4 small mechanical sweepers - £457,500
 - 2 precinct sweepers - £174,750
 - 1 pedestrian waste collection machine - £18,375
 - 600 floor mounted bins - £163,500
- 4.4 On 4 March 2015, Full Council accepted a recommendation from Cabinet to secure a further additional capital sum for Street Cleansing of £200,000 in order to enable further investment into making services more efficient and to help keep the city clean; with the capital financing costs in 2015/16 of £4k being met from the risk management contingency.
- 4.5 This CMDN proposes that the Cabinet Member for Street Scene, Waste Management and Communications approves the additional capital sum of £200,000, delegating this budget to be held by the Corporate Director: Resources who will draw on it to make appropriate investment in new equipment.
- 4.6 These changes represent a significant investment in new equipment and will allow for improvements in Amey efficiency and productivity.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Amey budget options have been through the following consultations:-
- Public Consultation – 14 November 2014
 - Cabinet – 15 December 2014
 - Full Council – 17 December 2014
- 5.2 The additional capital investment of £200,000 was recommended by Cabinet on 19 February and approved by Full Council on 4 March 2015.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 6.1 The potential savings will aid the council in achieving a balanced budget for 2015/16
- 6.2 Amey will offer a more efficient and mechanised service. It is anticipated that street litter should reduce in high footfall areas as a result of installing more appropriately sized bins to replace the smaller lamp post mounted bins.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS & ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 7.1 It is recommended that in order to achieve the overall required budget for Peterborough City Council in 2015 / 16 that these savings be approved. Members of the public and the Cross Party Budget Working Group have been fully consulted. The overall reduction in the Street Cleansing budget was also approved at Full Council on the 17 of December 2014 and the additional investment of £200,000 capital approved at Full Council on 4th March.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 Do nothing - This is impractical in light of the council's budget reduction. To maintain services at the current level would result in the authority being required to find savings from other areas of the council, potentially impacting on more vulnerable services.

9. IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Approval of these recommendations will result in a more efficient service utilising mechanical sweepers / pedestrian waste collectors.
- 9.2 However, the reduction in staff will have an impact on streets beyond the city centre, which will be serviced less frequently.
- 9.3 Prevalence of litter should reduce as a result of investment in installing significantly larger bins (which will treble our overall capacity) and will replace the frequently full lamp-post mounted bins.
- 9.4 Financial implications
- 9.4.1 These changes to the street cleansing service will result in a budget saving to the Council of £165,000.00
- 9.4.2 A capital investment of £814,000 will be required for the following pieces of equipment:-
- 4 small mechanical sweepers - £457,500
 - 2 precinct sweepers - £174,750
 - 1 pedestrian waste collection machine - £18,375
 - 600 floor mounted bins - £163,500
- 9.4.3 An additional capital sum for Street Cleansing of £200,000 in order to enable further investment into making services more efficient and to help keep the city clean; with the capital financing costs in 2015/16 of £4k being met from the risk management contingency.
- 9.5 Legal Implications
- 9.5.1 The Environmental Protection Act 1990, as amended by the Clean Neighborhoods and Environment Act 2005, imposes a duty on local authorities to keep specified land and public highways clear of litter and refuse so far as is practicable.

9.5.2 A Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse is issued under section 89(7) of the 1990 Act. The Code defines standards of cleanliness and sets how quickly differing types of land should be returned to a set cleanliness standard.

10. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

None.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.