

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
CABINET – 5 SEPTEMBER 2017
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (PUBLIC PROTECTION, PLANNING AND
GOVERNANCE)

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER PROCUREMENT BOARD FOR THE STREETSCENE
AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 To review the membership of the Member Procurement Board for the Streetscene and Grounds Maintenance contracts.

2 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To increase the membership of the Board by two Members from 5 in the ratio 3:2 to 7 in the ratio 4:2:1.

3 Explanation

- 3.1 The Cabinet at its last meeting agreed that a Member led Board be established to oversee the procurement of the new Streetscene and Grounds Maintenance contracts to be made up of 5 Members comprising three Administration Members and two Opposition Members in accordance with normal custom and practice (Minute 33 refers). As a task and finish group the Board is not included in the calculations for political proportionality of Member appointments.
- 3.2 As this will be a lengthy and complex process with a number of key considerations for the delivery of significant environment services across the Borough on a long term basis, including the collection of refuse and recycling, street cleansing and grounds maintenance, it is proposed in this case to widen the Board membership to provide for cross party representation.
- 3.3 It is proposed that the membership of the Board be increased by two Members from 5 to 7 in the ratio 4:2:1 to include a Member of the Liberal Democrat Group so that both opposition groups are able to take part in overseeing the procurement process.

Implications

4 Legal Implication(s)

- 4.1 The Board is being appointed in accordance with the Council's rules and procedures.

5 Financial Implication(s)

- 5.1 There are no additional costs arising from this proposal.

6 Risk Management Implications

6.1 The risks related to this proposal are:

6.2 To not increase the membership of the Board may result in the second opposition group on the Council not being engaged in the contract procurement process.

7 Security and Terrorism Implication(s)

7.1 There are no security and terrorism implications arising from this proposal.

8 Procurement Implication(s)

8.1 The appointment of the Member Board is in accordance with the Council's contract procedure rules and procedures.

9 Climate Change Implication(s)

9.1 There are no climate change implications associated with the recommendation in the report.

10 Link to Corporate Priorities

10.1 The subject of this report is linked to the Council's contract procedure rules and regulations.

11 Equality and Diversity

11.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has not been carried out in connection with the proposal in this report.

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Background papers to be listed (if applicable)

None