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1/65/15-16	Councillor Andrew Stafford (Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency)	Friday 1 April 2016	Part 1 & 2 (Para 3)	Confirmation of The Extension of Ernst & Young for The Supply of Services To Support The Delivery, Transformation And Leadership Of A Council Wide Procurement And Commissioning Hub.	Key Decision 4262	All	No – Call-In Waived on grounds of urgency.	1

DECISIONS

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SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT							
CONFIRMATION OF THE EXTENSION OF ERNST & YOUNG FOR THE SUPPLY OF SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE DELIVERY, TRANSFORMATION AND LEADERSHIP OF A COUNCIL WIDE PROCUREMENT AND COMMISSIONING HUB.							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision comes in to effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non- Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1 & 2 (Para 3)	All	Councillor Andrew Stafford (Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency)	Wednesday 6 April 2016	None	Key Decision 4262	Mark Stone 020 8379 3771	No – Call-In period waived on grounds of urgency
DECISION							
AGREED:							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To note the Council's intention to exercise the option to extend the contract with Ernst & Young (EY) (as per report dated 25th January 2016) from 1st April 2016 – 30th June 2016 and approve the same. 2) To authorise the Director Finance, Resources and Customer Services (and in their absence, the Assistant Director of Finance and Operational Support and Chief Executive) to enter into the extension on terms similar to those set out in the original contract. 3) To note that the value of the contract and its construction is commercially sensitive until completion of the long term co-source arrangement approved by Cabinet on 18th November 2015. 							

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

An option considered was to not extend the current contract and support the hub entirely in house. However, given that this would remove the external support and leadership of the procurement and commissioning function that Cabinet have agreed should be in place, this was not appropriate, neither would it offer continuity to staff in terms of line management and professional support.

The option to move to a full tender immediately was also considered. This option is work in train and the council will shortly issue a full tender for the long term co-management of the service. However, this process will not be completed before the current contract end date of 31st March 2016 and so is not available to the council at this time.

The other option considered was to make a direct award to another external provider. However, this would not be in line with the council's standing orders or contract regulations and would not meet legal requirements and so has been discounted.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Cabinet confirmed that it would be beneficial for all procurement and commissioning staff from across the council to have worked alongside a delivery partner and to have benefited from the associated skills transfer within such an arrangement, before any recruitment and selection process to posts within the new hub is undertaken. It is important from both a staff development perspective, and the need for consistent high quality procurement advice to be available to support the council, not least in the procurement of contracts that related to statutory safeguarding duties, that this arrangement is continued until a long term contractual award is made.

BACKGROUND:

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available via the decision list link on the Council's democracy pages. As the Part 2 report contains exempt information it will not be available to the press or public.

