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1/56/17-18	Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration & Business Development (Cllr Alan Sitkin)	Monday 19 March 2018	Part 1 & 2 (Para 3)	Approval of Extension of the Contract for the provision of Legal Services in connection with the Meridian Water Programme	Key Decision KD - 4644	All	Yes – Friday 16 March 2018	1

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<b>SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT</b>							
APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MERIDIAN WATER PROGRAMME							
<b>Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)</b>	<b>Wards affected by decision</b>	<b>Decision taken by</b>	<b>Date Decision comes in to effect</b>	<b>Interest declared in respect of the Decision</b>	<b>Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Eligible for Call-in &amp; Date to be called in by</b>
Part 1 & 2 (Para 3)	All	Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration & Business Development (Cllr Alan Sitkin)	Monday 19 March 2018	None	Key Decision: KD 4644	Jennifer Price 0208 379 2443 <a href="mailto:Jennifer.price@enfield.gov.uk">Jennifer.price@enfield.gov.uk</a>	Yes – Friday 16 March 2018
<p><b>AGREED:</b> that the following decision will come into effect on Monday 19 March 2018, subject to not being called in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To confirm the extension of the contract for the provision of legal services in connection with Meridian Water for a period of 1 year beyond its current expiry date, that is up to 4 March 2019.</li> </ol>							
<p><b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allow the contract to end and continue without external, independent legal advice. Risk of lack of continuity and loss of deep and wide-ranging experience with the project at a critical time exacerbated by loss of professional indemnity insurance covering the entire procurement process.</li> <li>Allow the contract to end and procure new financial advisors. Risk of lack of continuity and loss of deep and wide-ranging experience with the project at a critical time exacerbated by complex issues over scope and liability for professional indemnity insurance covering the entire procurement process. Further risk of break in external legal advice during procurement process which is likely to be at least 6 months.</li> <li>Extend contract for 12 months to cover the critical period in the project and allow time for re-procurement exercise to be carried out ensuring new advisors in place at the time the existing contract ends. Recommended option allowing continuity of advisors when most needed.</li> </ol>							
<p><b>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Meridian Water project is at a critical point with the master developer procurement process coming to an end. It is important that legal advice is continued throughout this period with no loss of the experience and understanding gained by the current advisor as well as continuity of professional indemnity insurance protecting the Council.</li> <li>The contract terms and rates have been reviewed by the Council's procurement and legal teams and it has been confirmed that they remain competitive within the market.</li> <li>A 12 month extension allows good time for the Council to properly re-procure this role and ensure that new advisors are in place before the existing contract expires.</li> </ol>							
<p><b>BACKGROUND</b></p> <p>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 made available to the press or public.</p>							