

**CALL-IN OF DECISION**  
(please ensure you complete all sections fully)

Please return the completed original signed copy to:  
Claire Johnson, Democratic Services Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Civic Centre

TITLE OF DECISION: In sourcing of Road Gully cleaning Services

DECISION OF: CABINET


DATE OF DECISION LIST PUBLICATION: 15 MAY 2020

LIST NO: 3/80/19-20 KD 5118

(\* N.B. Remember you must call-in a decision and notify Democratic Services Team within 5 working days of its publication).

A decision can be called in if it is a corporate or portfolio decision made by either Cabinet or one of its sub-committees, or a key decision made by an officer with delegated authority from the Executive.

(a) COUNCILLORS CALLING-IN (The Council's constitution requires seven signatures or more from Councillors to call a decision in).

(1) Signature:  Print Name: A. F. BERGIN

(2) Signature:  Print Name: M. ALEXANDROU

(3) Signature:  Print Name: S. IOANNOU

(4) Signature:  Print Name: A. MILNE

(5) Signature:  Print Name: G. VINCE

(6) Signature:  Print Name: L. RAWLINGS

(7) Signature:  Print Name: M. RIFF

LEAD - (8) Signature:  Print Name: J. LABAN

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(b) SCRUTINY PANEL RESOLUTION (copy of minute detailing formal resolution to request call-in to be attached).

NAME OF PANEL:

DATE OF PANEL:

**(1) Reason why decision is being called in:**

1. The report states that 20,000 gullies will be cleaned with an in-house team in comparison with the 15,000 that the current contractor carries out. However, there is no evidence in the report how many gullies could be cleaned if we paid a contractor another £11,000? The report only states how many more gullies could be cleaned by an in-house team with an increased budget, it fails to provide a comparison using a contractor with the same increased budget?
2. The report states that an in-house team will be better because there will be more performance management but does not explain why the same performance management has not been applied to Ringway Jacobs? The report provides no explanation about the fact that LBE has been in charge of the contract and performance management of Ringway Jacobs, so it is the fault of the council if the contractor was not delivering. How will it be any better with the in-house team as it is the same department in charge of performance? The report does not state whether increased performance management could be included in a new contract with Ringway or any other company or whether it was even considered.
3. The report provides no competition on price or delivery. We do not know that in-house is the most cost effective, or the most comprehensive it is just taken as a given. How do we know that in-house is best tax payer value? The report does not show whatsoever, if in house is the best economically in comparison to any outside provider. It is just an assumption.
4. The financial implications section does not mention the fact that we are agreeing an increase in cost when currently our finances are uncertain.
5. The key risk section does not mention what the impact would be if there was a second wave of COVID-19 over the next year. There is only a small mention of Coronavirus.
6. The report states that Ringway Jacobs has in the council's opinion provided a poor service but it is likely we will TUPE across the same staff that are delivering that level of service. The report does not state the actual cost of TUPE or how we would make sure the staff improve to deliver a better service?
7. The report also states that there will be some additional IT required. However, further into the report it mentions a MAP16 system but does not refer as to where that is in the costings, there is a potential further cost.
8. The report fails to mention whether there is a cost to in-sourcing prior to the end of the contract with Ringway Jacobs?
9. The report does not explain how bringing the gully cleaning service inhouse delivers healthier communities [which is a council priority] just

that there will be in-house labour which in itself does not deliver healthier communities.

10. The report states that the council's priority is to build our local economy yet does not explain why it discounted using local businesses to deliver this service which would support and build the local economy which would be helpful to businesses post COVID-19?

**(2) Outline of proposed alternative action:**

Refer back to Cabinet to review the decision.

**(3) Do you believe the decision is outside the policy framework?**

No

**(4) If Yes, give reasons:**

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Checked by Monitoring Officer for validation –

Name of Monitoring Officer:

Date: