

PORTFOLIO HOLDER / OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Portfolio Holder/Officer: Councillor S Imafidon, Portfolio Holder for Transport (not car parks), Enforcement for Housing, for Licensing and for Environmental Health, Port, SHA and Yacht Harbour Carol Pilson, Corporate Director & Monitoring Officer	Service: Environmental Health
Lead Officer: Annabel Tighe, Head of Environmental Health and Compliance Manager	Delegated Power Being Exercised: Part 3 - Responsibilities for Functions; Tables 4 and 5, paragraph All Portfolio Holders 4. Selection of tenderers for contracts within approved budgets.
Subject of Decision: To approve the award of a new contract for the collection and kennelling of stray dogs in Fenland	

Decision Taken:

To award a new 2-year contract (with the option to extend for a 2 further years) from 1st June 2026 to deliver the statutory stray dog collection and kennelling services for the Council.

The new contract will be awarded to Fenland Stray Dog Services.

The award of contract to a preferred bidder is delegated to the Portfolio Holder by part 3 of the Council's constitution.

Reason for the Decisions:

The Environmental Protection Act 1990 Section 149 places a duty on local councils to seize and detain stray dogs collected in their area for up to 7 days. This duty may be delegated to another person, but the council shall remain responsible for securing that the functions are properly discharged.

The current contract was tendered in March 2021 for a 3-year contract plus potential to extend for a 2-year period, which was approved in 2024.

The current contract expires on 31st May 2026 with a new award required from 1st June 2026. No further extensions are possible.

This decision meets the council's statutory obligations and provides best value for the council and the customer. This award will provide continuity of service.

This award is eligible for 2 further extensions of time from 2028 for 1 year and 2029 for a final year.

Alternative Options Considered (if appropriate):

This is a statutory duty. Options have been considered for sharing a local provision or jointly

contracting however these were not deemed best value.

Background/Reports/Information considered and attached:
N/A

Legal and Procurement Implications

The Council has a duty to provide the stray dog collection and kennelling service.

There are no procurement implications as the council has conducted a fully advertised and compliant tender exercise under PA2023, the procurement act.

Financial Implications

The budget for 2026-2027 has been set so an extra budget of £2,780 would be required. This wouldn't be an especially material uplift to the budget.

Portfolio Holder/Officer's Signature:

Date: 23 March 2026

Cllr S Imafidon, Portfolio Holder for
Environmental Health
Carol Pilson, Corporate Director & Monitoring
Officer

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