

## PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION RECORD

<b>Portfolio Holder:</b> Councillor Susan Wallwork, Portfolio Holder for Community, Health, Environmental Health, CCTV, Community Safety & Military Covenant	<b>Service:</b> Environmental Health
<b>Lead Officer:</b> Laura Harwood, Senior Environmental Health Protection Officer, Annabel Tighe, Head of Environmental Health and Compliance Manager	<b>Delegated Power Being Exercised:</b> Part 3 - Responsibilities for Functions; Tables 4 and 5, paragraph  Table 4, paragraph 8: To approve any action within their functional area up to a value of £250,000.
<b>Subject of Decision:</b> To approve an extension to the current statutory stray dog collection service for a further 2 years from 1st June 2024 to 31st May 2026.	

<p><b>Decision to be Taken:</b> Extension of the current contract for the collection and housing (7-day statutory period) of stray dogs found within the Fenland District.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b>  Authority was granted to extend the current contract by a further 2 years commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026.</p>
<p><b>Reason for the Decisions:</b> The current contract with Fenland Stray Dog Services will expire on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024.</p> <p>The 3-year contract, which was awarded in June 2021, has an option to extend for further 2 years (to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026) if performance against the contract schedule is satisfactory and offers best value.</p> <p>The contract has run very smoothly for the 3-year period with the same provider being in place for the previous contract period. The contract remains best value with wider opportunities for the community being offered.</p> <p>The current contractor wishes to continue to provide the service for Fenland and proposes no increased fees at this time.</p> <p>As this service is statutory, Fenland District Council must make this provision and the recommendations set out within this Decision Notice reflect the most effective and economic means of achieving that.</p>
<p><b>Alternative Options Considered</b> (if appropriate): During the retendering process for this contract in 2020-21 shared services were explored in detail with neighbouring authorities however this was ruled out as the least viable option for Fenland District Council.</p> <p>The marketplace for such contracts offers very limited alternative solutions and therefore there are no alternatives presently, within budget, available to consider.</p>

**Background/Reports/Information** considered and attached:

Code of Procurement

Financial Regulations

[GB-March: Stray Dog and Kennelling Services 2021-2024 - Contracts Finder](#)

**Legal and Procurement Implications**

The current contract has an option for an extension of 2 years and consultation with both the council's procurement and legal services have been undertaken with no issues raised.

**Financial Implications**

Budget is approved for this service. There are no current financial implications to consider.

**Any Other Implications**

It is worth noting the wider community opportunities provided alongside the arrangements within this contract. The contracted service provider offers many other services free of charge to the community and to the council including; rehoming of dogs as appropriate, guidance for dog owners in relation to animal behaviour and support for issues such as noisy dogs.

Portfolio Holder's Signature

Councillor Susan Wallwork, Portfolio Holder for  
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CCTV, Community Safety & Military Covenant

Date:

4 March 2024

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