

MINUTES OF THE Cabinet Member Signing HELD ON Thursday, 11th June, 2026, 11.30 - 11.37 am

PRESENT:

Councillors: Tammy Hymas

23. FILMING AT MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

The filming at meetings notice was noted.

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

26. URGENT BUSINESS

There was none.

27. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / QUESTIONS

There were none.

28. VEOLIA WASTE CONTRACT AWARD FOR 2027 FOR HOUSING ESTATES

The Assistant Director Housing Management introduced the report. The rationale for the report was outlined.

It was noted that charges to leaseholders could be in excess of £100, but it was stressed that this was standard and common practice.

Following questions, it was explained:

- That communal service charges were charged to tenants and leaseholders, it was noted that if this was not completed, tenants would be charged more than leaseholders, which was considered non-optimal.
- That the contractor would acquire vehicles to complete the contract, and that this award would allow the contractor the time to acquire these vehicles in time to ensure no break in service.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet Member for Housing:

1. Approved the final award of the waste contract to the preferred bidder Veolia ES (UK) Ltd for the sum of £230,358,134 commencing from 17 April 2027 for an initial period of 8 years with an option to extend for a further period(s) of 8 years in aggregate, having taken full account of the observations about the housing external cleaning element of the overall contract made by leaseholders, and the Council's comments and responses.

Reasons for decision

The council had an obligation to consult with leaseholders under Section 20 of Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 where it intends to award a contract which exceeds 12 months with costs over £100 per year.

Cabinet approved the provisional award of a contract for recycling & waste collection and street cleansing services in March 2026 which contains external cleansing on housing estates as part of the contract award. The decision was subject to the completion of the required Section 20 leasehold consultation and review any observations made.

The council had completed its review of the observations received and reports on the observation received for the Cabinet Member to take into account in making the final award.

Alternative options considered

The council could do nothing. However, this would leave the council unable to award the Contract and therefore would not be able to deliver statutory services from April 2027.

The council could decide not to proceed with the award of the contract, however none of the observations received have provided a reason for the council to do so. Not awarding the contract would again leave the council unable to deliver statutory services from April 2027.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date