

Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.

n/a

OFFICER DECISION RECORD ⁱ

Officer Key Decisions are subject to the Council's Call-In Procedure (Annex 9 of the Council's Constitution <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/freedom-of-information-and-council-data/open-data-statistics-about-hertfordshire/who-we-are-and-what-we-do/who-we-are-and-what-we-do.aspx>)

Subject: Award of Contract: Security – for Hertfordshire County Council sites

Type of Decision: Executive

Key Decision (Executive Functions only): No

Executive Member/Committee Chairman:

Bob Deering

Executive Member

Portfolio (Executive Functions only):

Resources & Performance

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Director – Property

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1. Decision

- 1.1 To award an interim contract to Regent Office Care t/a Samsic UK for 6 months in duration for the Provision of Security Services at various Council sites.

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2. Reasons for the decision

- 2.1 Property have undertaken two procurement exercises via the ESPO framework to let a Security contract valued in excess of the financial threshold for Light Touch Services under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.
- 2.2 The first procurement exercise was aborted due to changes in the Council's requirements. The latest procurement progressed to award stage but has been challenged by the incumbent service provider, Profile Security Services Limited ("Profile") prior to the signature of the contract with the successful bidder, Samsic.
- 2.3 The Council is prohibited from entering into the proposed contract with Samsic until such time that the litigation is concluded or discontinued, or the High Court orders the lifting of the Automatic Suspension on the signing of a contract.
- 2.4 Continuity of the security services is essential. The Council has therefore awarded a contract to a company it is confident will meet its ongoing service requirements.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 3.1 Award of an interim contract with the incumbent service provider but it is not considered optimal for service delivery to award an interim contract to the incumbent whilst simultaneously being engaged in litigation with the incumbent company.

4. Consultation (see *Summary of Requirements below*)

Was any Councillor consulted? Yes

If yes:

- (a) Comments of Executive Member
 agreed
Bob During
c11r
03-Mar-2023
- (b) Comments of other consultees

5. Any conflict of interest declared by a councillor who has been consulted in relation to the decision

n/a

(If a Councillor declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without seeking advice from Democratic Services or Legal Services).

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6. **Following consultation with the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed: *Scott Crudgington*
 Director of Resources
 Title:
 Date: 05-Mar-2023

Copies of record to:

- All consultees
- hard & electronic copy (if required to be made available for public inspection) to Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.ⁱⁱ

Summary of Requirements to Inform/Consult Councillors

Significance of Proposed Action	Controversial	Relevant Councillor(s) to be Consulted
Technical/Professional/ Routine	No	No need to inform or consult councillors
Technical/Professional/ Routine	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Relevant Committee Chairman and, where appropriate, Local Councillor
Local	No	Executive Functions: Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Inform Local Councillor
Local	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Consult Local Councillor
General or County-wide	No	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman
General or County-wide	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s)

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		and the Leader of the Council Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman/Leaders all Political Groups
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