

DECISION TAKER: Cabinet Member for the Climate and Nature Emergency (Grounds Maintenance Services), Councillor Kelsie Learney (Cabinet Member for Recycling and Public Protection (Street Cleansing Services), Councillor Steve Cramoysan)

REPORT TITLE: PROCUREMENT OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND STREET CLEANSING CONTRACTS AMENDMENT TO CABINET DECISION CAB3528

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WARD(S): ALL

DECISION:

1. That it be agreed for procurement to proceed through two separate contracts for:
  - (i) Grounds Maintenance; and
  - (ii) Street Cleansing.
2. That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director with responsibility for grounds maintenance and street cleansing, in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member and the Section 151 Officer, to conduct a competitive and compliant procurement and award two contracts within the existing overall budget, with flexibility to adjust the contract terms within a range of 3 to 16 years total duration as informed by pre-market engagement and value for money assessment.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. The purpose of this report is to update and refine the approach previously approved by Cabinet in relation to the procurement of services to deliver Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleansing.
2. Cabinet has already agreed that the Council should go to market for these services. Since that decision, officers have undertaken pre-market engagement and progressed detailed commercial and service design work, including engagement with a specialist procurement consultant. As a result of this work, officers now propose to proceed to market for two separate contracts:
  - (i) one for Grounds Maintenance, and
  - (ii) one for Street Cleansing.

3. This report therefore seeks approval for a refined procurement structure, rather than a change in strategic direction.

#### OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

1. The original Cabinet report set out the rationale for re-procuring the Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleansing services to ensure service continuity, value for money and alignment with the Council Plan.
2. Following Cabinet approval to go to market, officers have:
  - undertaken structured pre-market engagement with potential suppliers.
  - tested delivery models and risk appetite within the market; and
  - taken advice from a specialist procurement consultant to support the development of a robust, competitive procurement strategy.
3. This work has enabled the Council to advance its thinking on the most effective contract structure to achieve strong market interest, high-quality delivery and best value over the life of the contracts.

#### DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

#### DISPENSATION GRANTED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE:

None

APPROVED BY: Kelsie Learney

DATE: 09.03.2026

**Councillor Kelsie Learney – Cabinet Member for the Climate and Nature Emergency**