

URGENT KEY DECISION NOTICE

In accordance with paragraph 13.11 of the Council's Constitution, the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chief Executive is satisfied that a matter of urgency has arisen in connection with the work of the Cabinet and requires a decision before the next regular meeting of Cabinet. In such circumstances the Leader of the Council is authorised to take the Key Decision.

SPECIAL URGENCY PROVISION NOTICE

In accordance with paragraph 15.15 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, the following item was not included on the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decision:

1. To agree to a call off contract being placed under the new National Fuels Framework 2 until 31st March 2024 to meet the fuel needs of the Council, at a total cost set out in the Confidential Appendix to the decision report.

Braintree District Council's call off contract expires on the 31st March 2022.

The new National Fuels Framework 2 has now been procured by Crown Commercial Services, with the formal award taking place and notification to all Councils of the successful suppliers in March 2022. The national buying power of Crown Commercial Services ensures it is seen as a key customer by providers. With fuel prices continuing to raise, being able to call off a contract through the new framework should provide some protection in pricing and supply should there be shortages caused by current world events through the bulk purchasing power of the framework.

The Council has a continual requirement to purchase liquid fuel for its operational fleet so that it can deliver its services such as waste collection and grounds maintenance. Therefore, the Council must ensure continuation of supply to the Council.

The delay in the Crown Commercial Services finalising the Framework and issuing their notification, has meant that the Council are now very close to the expiry of its contract and the Council's continued fuel supply is at risk.

In accordance with paragraph 15.17 (Special Urgency relating to key Decisions), the Chairman of the Performance Management Scrutiny Committee, having considered the matter, is in agreement that the taking of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

Accordingly, Notice is given that, in accordance with the Council's Constitution, Councillor Graham Butland, Leader of the Council, will be taking the Key Decision.

A report will be taken to the next available meeting of Council, namely 20th June 2022, setting out the decision made, the particulars of the decisions taken, and a summary of the matters in respect of those decisions.



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