

REPORT TO: Executive Board Sub Committee
DATE: 5th March 2009
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Corporate & Policy
SUBJECT: Corporate Security Contract
WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to notify members of the intention to go out to tender with regards procuring a new corporate security contract in line with the Council's procurement strategy. There are currently two security contracts in place, the smaller one of which will require a short extension granting in order to bring it in line with the timescales of the larger contract, as such a waiver of standing orders is requested in respect of this process.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- (1) **In line with procurement standing order 1.6 the Executive Sub Board waive standing orders 3.1 to 3.7 in order to allow for the Operational Director Culture & Leisure Services to grant an extension to the existing security contract with Athena Global from April 1st 2009 until such time that the new contract is in place, which is envisaged to be by June 1st 2009; and**
- (2) **Members note the intension to procure a new corporate security contract in line with the procurement strategy.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 There are currently two main security contracts in place. The larger contract which relates to buildings was procured via Property Services this expires on 31st May 2009. The current service providers for this contract are Select Security who took over the contract when they bought out Druants in November 2008. The second smaller contract which relates to parks and the operation of playing fields was procured via Leisure Services. This expires on 31st March 2009 the current service providers for this contract are Athena Global.
- 3.2 As the existing contracts expire at different times it is necessary to extend the smaller contract which expires on 31st March 2009 in order to bring it in line with the timescales of the larger contract which expires on 31st May 2009

- 3.3 The new corporate contract will bring the services currently being provided under the two separate contracts together, in addition to which it will also allow for other departments to purchase any necessary future security provision that may be required during the life of the contract.
- 3.4 It is intended to have the new contract in place for 1st June 2009. It is envisaged that the new contract will be set up for a 3 year period with the possibility of a 1 year extension subject to satisfactory performance, ensuring the maximum timeframe is 4 years, in line with EU procurement rules.
- 3.5 The likely value of the contract over the three year period will be in the region of £2.5m. Whilst this is above EU procurement thresholds, security services are except from the full EU procurement process as such the contract does not have to be advertised under an OJEU notice.
- 3.6 Athena Global have been contacted and they have agreed to continue delivering the existing services in line with their contract until such time that the new contract is in place.
- 3.7 Funding for the contract comes from a variety of sources and will be contained within existing council budgets.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 One of the main aims of the Council's procurement policy is *"to identify and develop procurement activities, where appropriate in terms of a whole Council basis."* This is a clear example of where a whole Council approach can be adopted as such the creation of a true corporate wide contract is in line with our current policy.
- 4.2 The contract will be assessed in terms of both cost and quality in order to ensure that the most economically advantageous terms are obtained again in line with the procurement strategy.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None

6.3 A Healthy Halton

None

6.4 A Safer Halton

None

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

There are no key risks associated with

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Procurement Strategy	Municipal Buildings	Jean Morris