



RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION – Part 3 Section 16

DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION Director of Finance and Customer Services
TAKEN BY:
PORTFOLIO
AREA: Resources

SUBJECT: Water, Wastewater and Ancillary Services

1. DECISION

To approve the award of a contract for metered water and surface water & highways drainage with Water-plus. The contract will be for an initial period of 12 months during which the Contracts and Procurement team will monitor market developments and decide whether to extend for a further period of 12 months or whether to pursue other options.

2. REASON FOR DECISION

Award of the contract would result in an annual financial saving of £30357 against Water-plus default rates which is a 4.95% saving. For the financial year 19-20 the estimated annual spend on water across Council and school sites managed by the Council is £583,422 on default tariffs would have been £613,779.

Awarding of the contract will avoid resource intense process of switching supplier. Water-plus will provide a dedicated Account Manager which will aid and support contract management.

3. BACKGROUND

In April 2017 the water market in England was deregulated giving businesses and the public sector organisations the ability to shop around and switch their retail service provider. It was decided to stay with the current supplier (Water-plus) on default rates for a period of time and then join a collaborative procurement under a framework. The council along with a number of other councils in AGMA joined in a collaborative exercise under the YPO framework. STAR Procurement (Stockport, Trafford and Rochdale Council's joint procurement team) led the collaborative exercise. Water-plus were awarded the contract as a result of the tender.

4. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- Stay with the current supplier on default rates but this would have been more expensive
- Conduct council's own tendering/procurement exercise but this would potentially have been less attractive than the aggregated AGMA contracts.
- Apply for a self-supply licence. Self-supply is where a customer buys water and wastewater services from the water company and provides their own retail services but this would have required a significant amount of resource and expertise.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of the officer with delegation and the any Member who has been consulted, and note of any dispensation granted should be recorded below:

VERSION: 1

CONTACT OFFICER:	Katie Holden
DATE:	13/9/19
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:	

Signed:



Director: Louise Mattinson

Date: 13th September 2019