



Record of Officer's Decision

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Date of Decision:	22 nd November 2019
Decision Maker (Officer):	Jonathan Hamlet; Street Scene Officer
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	<p>Part 3, Schedule 3 – Responsibility for Executive Functions delegated to Officers paragraph 4.3 (1) – the Corporate Director has delegated authority to discharge executive functions within their respective service areas (Part 3.38). All delegations are subject to consultation where considered appropriate in the circumstances (paragraph 4.3 (4(ii) – Part 3.39).</p> <p>The Corporate Director; Paul Price has delegated operational matters relating to the delivery of the street scene out of hours service to the Street Scene Manager.</p>
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Cllr Michael Talbot.
Ward Member(s) consulted?	No
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	To cease the out of hours service supported by the Dog Wardens as part of the Street scene team.

<p>Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):</p>	<p>Service unsustainable based upon two officers providing a 24/7 stray dog service. Also due to universal credit, Dog Warden financially poorer due to the out of hours service payments and consequently has given notice to quit the out of hours service.</p> <p>See attached briefing note.</p>
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>Main area of work covered by the out of hour's service is the stray dog service. Finders of stray dogs directed to take dogs direct to boarding kennels (8am to 7pm) or hold on until next working day if outside of these hours. This decision will affect finders of stray dogs who do not or cannot drive. Cost of stray dogs being sent direct to boarding kennel will be responsibility of the owners.</p> <p>Service no longer a 24 hour service, however majority of stray dogs reported to the authority via Careline are between 8am and 7pm</p> <p>Out of hours service also incorporates dead animals (seals on beaches, reports of sharps on public land and fly tipping posing a public health risk or blocking a public highway); however these reports are minimal and could be incorporated into another out of hour's service, passed direct to the contractor or on an ad-hoc basis by the Street Scene Manager in the interim.</p> <p>EIA attached.</p>
<p>Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):</p>	<p>Stray dog service is not a statutory requirement, like Colchester Borough Council option considered to provide NO out of hours service, however rejected as would result in negative publicity and public dissatisfaction, current boarding kennels happy to accept (not return) stray dogs direct from finders.</p>
<p>Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the officer, which related to the decision)</p>	<p>None</p>

<p>If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer:</p>																									
<p>Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published:</p> <p><i>Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,</i></p> <p><u>and</u></p> <p><i>Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of disclosure).</i></p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="564 414 612 488" style="text-align: center;">x</td> <td data-bbox="612 414 1356 488">Not applicable – Decision [and report] to be published</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="564 488 1356 600">If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="564 600 612 674"></td> <td data-bbox="612 600 1356 674">The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="564 674 1356 786">The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="564 786 1356 831"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relates to an individual </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="564 831 1356 875"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Likely to reveal the identity of an individual </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="564 875 1356 981"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="564 981 1356 1093"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="564 1093 1356 1317"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reveals that the Council proposes to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or to make an order or direction under any enactment </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="564 1317 1356 1473"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="564 1473 1356 1653"> <p><u>And</u> is exempt if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="564 1653 1356 1765"> <p>Reasons: [insert]</p> </td> </tr> </table>	x	Not applicable – Decision [and report] to be published	If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:			The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information	The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relates to an individual 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Likely to reveal the identity of an individual 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reveals that the Council proposes to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or to make an order or direction under any enactment 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime 		<p><u>And</u> is exempt if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information</p>		<p>Reasons: [insert]</p>	
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Signed:



Jonathan Hamlet

Title: Street Scene Manager

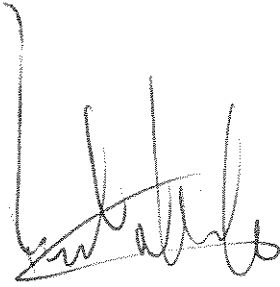
Signed:



Damian Williams

Title: Head of Building and Engineering Services,
Operational Services

Signed:



Paul Price

Title: Corporate Director

Dated:

29th November 2019