

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

30 March 2011

Joint Report of the Director of Health and Housing and Cabinet Member for Environmental Services

Part 1- Public

Executive Non Key Decisions

1 PEST CONTROL SERVICE – VARIATION OF CONTRACT

Summary

The report considers a request to assign our pest control contract.

1.1 Background

1.1.1 In November, 2004 the Council commenced a seven year contract with Predator Plc for the treatment of pests in domestic premises. Following a company buy-out, the contract was assigned to Connaught Predator Limited in March, 2009. During December, 2010 Connaught Predator Limited changed their trading name to Santia.

1.2 Proposed Changes

1.2.1 The Local Environmental Management Advisory Board, on 28 February, 2011 was advised of the changes to the trading name of Connaught Predator Limited. This Board was also advised of a waiver, under the Council's Procurement Rules, to allow a new, short-term, contract to be put in place to provide for sufficient time to permit a review of pest control services. The Board duly endorsed the recommendations (Minute LEM 11/003 refers) and it is to be considered by the Cabinet on this agenda.

1.2.2 We have been formally advised that Connaught Predator Limited has been purchased by Rentokil Initial Plc UK Limited (t/a Rentokil Pest Control), with the change of ownership taking place on 18 February 2011. There is now a need to formally assign the contract.

1.2.3 The Legal Services Partnership Manager and the Director of Finance have been consulted on these matters and have not raised any concerns or objections to the assignment.

1.3 Legal Implications

1.3.1 The transfer of the contract will be dealt with by a Deed of Novation.

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.4.1 The Director of Finance has considered the financial standing of Rentokil Initial Plc UK Limited (t/a Rentokil Pest Control) and raises no objections to the transfer of the contract. The Council's administrative costs, associated with the proposed changes, are being paid by Rentokil Initial Plc UK Limited (t/a Rentokil Pest Control).

1.5 Risk Assessment

1.5.1 No risks have been identified in respect of the contract assignment.

1.6 Equality Impact Assessment

1.6.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report

1.7 Recommendations

1.7.1 It is **RECOMMENDED** that Cabinet **APPROVE** the assignment of the Council's Pest Control Services contract to Rentokil Initial Plc UK Limited (t/a Rentokil Pest Control).

Background papers:

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Nil

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Councillor Owen Baldock
Cabinet Member for Environmental Services

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The decision reflects an administrative change to our service not an operational change.

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	See above.
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		Not applicable.

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.