

## **STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **Report to the Service Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

**21st November 2018**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Alliance Environmental Services (AES) – Phase 3 – Transfer of Services – Street Cleansing &amp; Grounds Maintenance</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDERS:</b>	<b>Cllr Arthur Forrester – Portfolio Holder for the Environment Cllr Mike Bowen – Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Sports, Parks, Countryside &amp; Communities</b>
<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	<b>Andrew Stokes – Executive Director (Transformation) &amp; Chief Finance Officer</b>
<b>WARDS INVOLVED:</b>	<b>Non-Specific</b>

#### **Appendices Attached:**

**Appendix A – AES – Summary of Governance Structure**

**Appendix B – Outline of services to be transferred to AES in Phase 3**

#### **1. Reason for the Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Panel to consider the service specification for the services to be transferred to Alliance Environmental Service (AES) in the third phase, ensuring that future service delivery meets the requirements of the Council.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Panel:
- Support the development of the new operating arrangements; and
  - Consider and comment on the service specifications to be transferred in phase 3

#### **3. Executive Summary**

- 3.1 In June 2017 Cabinet approved a report approving the establishment of the joint venture company for the delivery of Waste Collection, Street Cleansing, Grounds Maintenance & Fleet Management Services. This confirmed the

governance arrangements to allow Alliance Environmental Services (AES) to be fully established (these are summarised in Appendix A).

- 3.2 The first phase of transfer of services which took place in July 2017 was focussed on the High Peak waste collection services following the end of their contract with a private provider. In April 2018 Cabinet approved the transfer of services further to be included in phase 2. The second phase included the following service functions:

*Staffordshire Moorlands*

- Waste collection (including communications & promotion)
- Fleet management

*High Peak*

- Waste communications & promotion
- Fleet management

- 3.3 in October 2018 Cabinet approved a report that set out the proposed transfer of services to be included in phase 3. The third phase includes the following service functions:

High Peak & Staffordshire Moorlands

- Street cleansing
- Grounds maintenance

- 3.4 AS with the second phase, Cabinet approved the principle of the transfer of these functions and requested the Service Delivery Overview & Scrutiny Panel to scrutinise the detailed operational arrangements prior to final approval by the Cabinet in December. The Resources Overview & Scrutiny Panel has been requested to scrutinise the financial arrangements.

- 3.5 This report requests that the Panel consider the service specification and delivery arrangements for the services to be transferred in the third phase. An outline of the services included is set out in Appendix B and will be covered in more detail in a presentation at the meeting.

#### **4. How this report links with Corporate Priorities**

- 4.1 One of the four aims of the Council's Corporate Plan is "to protect and improve the environment". The successful delivery of this aim will be underpinned by the development of the new operating arrangements as outlined in this report.

#### **5. Evaluation of Options**

- 5.1 There are no options to consider

## **6. Implications**

### 6.1 Community Safety - (Crime and Disorder Act 1998)

None

### 6.2 Workforce

No direct implications

### 6.3 Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Council's Equality and Diversity policies.

### 6.4 Financial Considerations

The financial savings plan for AES provides for £1.2 million of on-going revenue savings.

### 6.5 Legal

The specifications will be developed into detailed schedules that will form part of the Service Operating Agreement that sets out the services provided by AES to the Council

### 6.6 Sustainability

None

### 6.7 External Consultation

Not applicable

### 6.8 Risk Assessment

Not applicable

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#### **Background Papers**

#### **Location**

#### **Contact details**

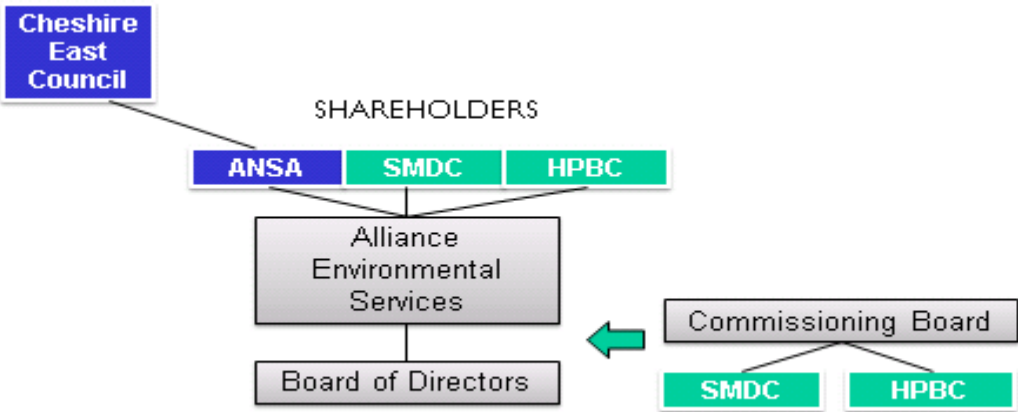
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**Summary of Governance Arrangements**



**Outline of services to be transferred to AES in Phase 3**

**Street Cleansing Services:**

- Litter picking including the removal of drug related litter
- Litter bin installation, replacement and scheduled emptying
- Emptying of Parish and Town council bins where agreement is in place
- Scheduled highway mechanical street sweeping incl. Council car parks, parks, depots, leisure centres and cemeteries
- Removal of fly tipping from the highway, private land (upon request) or council land
- Removal of dog fouling in streets, parks and public places
- Removal of dead animals (road kill) from the highway
- Removal of graffiti and fly posting - from public and private land where applicable
- Installation of new and replacement of damaged street nameplates
- Gritting of council land i.e. car parks, leisure centre car parks and some highway areas (HPBC provide on behalf of DCC)
- Enforcement activities – Stencilling, sign erection, gathering evidence, issuing FPN'S, court appearances
- Supporting other departments with office moves, large equipment relocation, house waste clearances
- Weed spraying on Council land
- Highway weed spraying (HPBC provide service on behalf of DCC)
- Bus shelter cleaning
- Gully emptying in depots
- Supporting community litter picks with equipment and staffing resource
- Supporting major tourist events, litter clearance and temporary infrastructure i.e. bins
- Gully emptying (HPBC provide contracted service on behalf of DCC)
- Collation of KPI data such as 195 Inspections and Hotspot data
- Closing of height restriction barriers on some car parks
- Undertaking private sweeping for local businesses

**Horticulture:**

- Maintenance of closed church yards, memorial safety testing
- Maintenance of cemeteries, grave digging, memorial safety inspections (plus records)
- Grounds maintenance services including; mowing, planting, litter picking of parks, playing fields and other open spaces
- Playground inspections, maintenance and repairs
- Allotments – management, maintenance, rents, lists
- Friends group coordination
- Ad hoc restoration, community projects
- Flail mowing (HP provide management of contract on behalf of DCC)
- In Bloom, Keep Britain Tidy & Tidy Village support
- Green Flag applications, assessments

Depots:

- Cleansing of depot grounds i.e. sweeping, litter collection
- COTC – waste storage and transfer where applicable

Support functions:

- Lengthsman scheme (SM)
- Out of hours emergency response & standby cover
- Mutual aid arrangements with County council and emergency service providers