



# **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Monday, 22nd April, 2013**

**7.00 pm**

**Town Hall, Watford**

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Welcome to this meeting. We hope you find these notes useful.

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# COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Councillor A Khan (Chair)

Councillors J Aron, N Bell, K Collett, S Greenslade, K Hastrick, M Hofman, R Martins and S Rackett

## AGENDA

### PART A - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**
2. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (IF ANY)**
3. **FINAL DECISION ON SERVICE RE-DESIGN OPTIONS FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES, STREET CLEANSING AND WASTE AND RE-CYCLING (PART A REPORT)** (Pages 1 - 26)

The following decision taken on 3 April 2013 by Cabinet has been called in:

Evaluation of final tenders to provide Parks and Open Spaces, Street Cleansing and Waste and Recycling

“To question why there was not a proper In-House bid along with the 2 private bidders

To ask who did the final evaluation and if the Council had someone to evaluate the figures?

If there is nothing to hide why can't we see the figures that justify the differences between the 2-private bidders and an In-House bid as if the savings can't be realised in the future this is important?

How many jobs would be lost by the proposals by the 2-private bidders and the Inhouse bid?

If 130 staff are to transfer how are all support services staff going to be affected?

As this is such a major privatisation of Council services, what powers to scrutinise and hold to account the private company would Councillors have?

How tough would the sanctions be on the private company if standards of service and quality declined for Watford residents?

Why should 1 - Company have responsibility for the whole service if another can provide a better quality and price for say Parks?

We call on the Cabinet to ensure that the contract includes not only a full TUPE of present staff but any future staff are guaranteed the LG Pension scheme, and that all those employed on providing services under the contract be paid at least the 'Living Wage'; and that the Council promotes the Living Wage and applies for 'Living Wage' accreditation.”

The following documents are attached –

- (A) Report of the Executive Director Services presented to Cabinet and its Appendix
- (B) Extract of the Cabinet minutes on 3 April 2013
- (C) Proforma requesting the call-in of the decision signed by Councillors Nigel Bell, Jagtar Singh Dhindsa and Mo Mills
- (D) Call-in procedure to be followed

#### **4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**The Chair to move:** that, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during consideration of the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act for the reasons stated below in terms of Schedule 12A.

**NOTE: if approved, the Chair will ask members of the press and public to leave the meeting at this point.**

#### **5. FINAL DECISION ON SERVICE REDESIGN: OPTIONS FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES, STREET CLEANSING AND WASTE AND RE-CYCLING (PART B REPORT)**

Paragraph 3 Schedule 12A.

(Report contains commercially sensitive information)

The reasons for this call-in are as set out in item 3 of this agenda.