

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: PEST CONTROL CONTRACT FOR DOMESTIC AND CORPORATE PREMISES – EXTENSION TO CONTRACT TERM.
From: HEAD OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES		
Date: 12 August 2014	Ref: AM/CM	

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to achieve approval to extend the existing Pest Control Contract for Domestic and Corporate Premises until 30 September 2015.

2. Background

- 2.1 Protective Services deliver the pest control service for all domestic and council properties within North Lanarkshire. The vast majority of this work is undertaken by “in house” Pest Control Officers, however, during the busier summer months an external pest control contractor is required to supplement the work of the existing “in-house” staff during times of peak demands in order for the Service to meet its key performance indicators.
- 2.2 Through the Environmental Services Committee of 14 August 2012, approval was given to the appointment of Excel Environmental Services as the external contractor that would be utilised to provide additional support during times of peak demand. This contract commenced on 1 October 2012 for a period of two years with the option for the Council to extend the length of the agreement to a third year ending on 30 September 2015.

3. Proposals/ Considerations

- 3.1 Through the period of the existing contract, the level of service provided by Excel Environmental Services has been to a high standard and the charges being applied are very competitive when compared with other external pest control contractors.
- 3.2 In light of the high level of service received to date and the competitive nature of any charges, it is proposed that the Council utilises its option to extend the contract by a further year and that work commences early 2015 on a procurement process for the delivery of a new external pest control contract to commence on 1 October 2015.

4. Corporate Considerations

- 4.1 The Pest Control contract is managed by Protective Services for the Council and any Service user utilising the external pest control contractor is provided with an opportunity to provide feedback on the quality and professionalism of the service received. To date no significant issues have been raised.

5. Financial Considerations

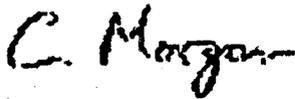
- 5.1 As of 1 April 2014, the spend against the contract was a total of £47,037. This is set against the original contract value of £200,000. If the contract was to be extended until 30 September 2015 and the spend was to continue at the same rate this would result in an overall spend of approximately £97,000 which is well within the original contract value.

5.2 Any spend against the increased extension of the contract shall be met within the existing revenue budget of Protective Services.

6. Recommendation

6.1 That Committee approves the extension of the current Pest Control Contract for Domestic and Corporate Premises until 30 September 2015.

6.2 That Committee approves the commencement of a new procurement process for the appointment of a private pest control contractor to assist with the Council's pest control service during times of peak demand on the service with an appointment date of 1 October 2015.

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