

Meeting: Cabinet **Date:** 15 August 2023

Wards affected: ALL

Report Title: Pest Control Contract Award

When does the decision need to be implemented? 23 August 2023

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Pest Control services has been put out to tender to provide a robust and reliable Pest Control Service on land and property assets owned by Torbay Council and that held by its wholly owned arms length companies, within the boundary of the Council's area of jurisdiction. The appointed Contractor will be required by Torbay Council to address rat problems and where appropriate, mice on Council owned land and property assets. The Contract will be for an initial period of three years with the addition of two, optional 12-month extensions, commencing on the 25 September 2023.
- 1.2 The Contract shall cover three areas:
- Routine baiting on Torbay Harbour Authority land in Torquay, Paignton and Brixham, with particular focus on the land around the Brixham Fish Market, and as and when required, on Torbay Beaches;
 - Torre Abbey estate and buildings, where pest control is required on a routine basis;
 - Torbay Council buildings and land (managed by the TDA) where pest control services will be provided as and when required;
- 1.3 In addition, the Contractor will provide services on a call-out basis where infestations in any of the above areas have been identified and notified to them, and undertake baiting outside the normal programme, as recommended or as required.

2. Reason for Proposal and its benefits

- 2.1 The proposal in this report will ensure that Torbay remains a premier resort in the UK for our residents and visitors to enjoy by maintaining a clean, safe and pest-free environment.
- 2.2 The reason for the decision is that if we are unable to award the contract to the successful bidder, there will be a substantial delay in contract start date due to the need to submit a further Cabinet report.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- 3.1 That the Pest Control Contract be awarded to the preferred bidder set out in Exempt Appendix 1 to the submitted report.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Preferred bidder details (Exempt)

Background Documents

None

Supporting Information

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The current contract ended in June 2022; however, the existing provider has maintained a pest control service across the harbour estate and Torre Abbey to ensure these sites are free from potential public health issues.
- 1.2 As the current contract has expired, a full procurement process has been carried out which will secure a new supplier from September 2023.

2. Options under consideration

- 2.2 Under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949, Local Authorities are required to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that their district is kept free from rats and mice. A 'Do Nothing' approach will leave Torbay Council's land and property assets, any that held by its wholly owned arms length companies, within the boundary of the Council's area of jurisdiction, open to infestation and environmental health risks.

3. Financial Opportunities and Implications

- 3.1 The budget for the Pest Control service has been estimated at £25K per annum with a procurement value of £125K over the duration of the contract (5 years).

4. Legal Implications

- 4.2 There are no legal implications.

5. Engagement and Consultation

- 5.1 TDA, Harbours, Neighbourhoods Team and the Procurement and Contract Management team have been engaged, to ensure service need is captured within the specification.
- 5.2 Overall contract management will sit with the Contracts Officer. However, individual sites will be managed by the relevant teams within each site.

6. Purchasing or Hiring of Goods and/or Services

- 6.1 Social Value will be a mandatory part of the procurement process; bidders will need to commit to their chosen Social Value indicators and explain how these will be achieved; how they will deliver against these indicators, what the benefits will be, and how success will be measured. Bidders Social Value responses will be evaluated and scored.

6.2 The commitments will be monitored through the Social Value Portal, in which the Contract Managers will have access to.

7. Tackling Climate Change

7.1 The tender will ask bidders how they propose to tackle climate change. This part of the tender will be evaluated and scored. The winning bidder(s) commitments will then be monitored through the contract as part of the contract management function.

8. Associated Risks

8.1 . Without a pest control service, Torbay Council and its wholly owned companies are at risk of causing public health and environmental issues. By preventing pests, we can protect the health and safety of our residents and visitors.

9. Equality Impacts - Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups

	Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
Older or younger people	Pest free working, living and visiting areas		
People with caring Responsibilities	Pest free working, living and visiting areas		
People with a disability	Pest free working, living and visiting areas		
Women or men	Pest free working, living and visiting areas		
People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) (Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)	Pest free working, living and visiting areas		
Religion or belief (including lack of belief)			There is no differential impact

People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual	Pest free working, living and visiting areas		
People who are transgendered	Pest free working, living and visiting areas		
People who are in a marriage or civil partnership			There is no differential impact
Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave	Pest free working, living and visiting areas		
Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)	Pest free working, living and visiting areas		
Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)	Pest free working, living and visiting areas		

10. Cumulative Council Impact

10.1 None

11. Cumulative Community Impacts

11.1 None