# Gloucester City Council

# INDIVIDUAL OFFICER DECISION DECISION RECORD FORM

Date of Decision	27 March 2020	
Subject	Gull and Pest Control Contract - 12 Months	
Wards affected	All Wards	
Officer taking decision	Anne Brinkhoff, Corporate Director	

#### **Decision taken**

Waive the Contract Rules and let a 12 month contract on grounds of urgency in compliance with Contract Rule 6.3.2. A contract will be awarded to Falconry Services to deliver Gull and Pest Control services for 2020/2021.

#### Delegated power used

Contract rule 6.3.2 delegates authority to the MD or a Corporate Director to waive contract rules on grounds of urgency for contracts up to a value of £250k after consulting with S151 Officer.

## Reason for decision

The outbreak of CO-vid 19 has impacted business as usual for the City Council and many contractors. Procurement of this contract could not be prioritised, but the work is essential because:

Pest Control- to reduce the likelihood of further public health issues for our communities. This may become more likely due to an increase in empty properties, especially restaurants and cafes, and if waste collections start to struggle.

Gull management- if we miss the start of the breeding season (March/April) we will be impacted by gulls later in the year.

Falconry services have been delivering this work over the past several years as a direct contact for pest control and as a sub-contractor for gull management. They have excellent knowledge of the city so no mobilisation support would be required.

## Alternative options considered

Do nothing. This would leave us open to significant risks as outlined above.

#### **Consultation Undertaken and Results of Consultation**

Discussion with Officers who have worked with Falconry Services and those involved with contract management. All were complementary about the work delivered previously and the expertise of the staff.

People Impact Assessment (PIA)			
Screening Stage completed:	Yes/ <del>No</del>		
Full PIA required, completed and attached:	<del>Yes</del> /No		
Any Conflicts of Interest			
None			
Declarations of Interest (including any dispensations granted): None			
Background documents: None			
Confidential or Exempt Information:	<del>Yes</del> /No		
Name of document(s) which are confidential or exempt Final Report: None			
Decision Maker:	Date: 27 March 2020		
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Anne Brinkhoff, Corporate Director			