

Subject:	Council Insurance Contracts Tender
Responsible Officer:	Myfanwy Barrett - Corporate Director, Finance
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor David Ashton - Council Leader, Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnership and Finance
Key Decision:	Yes
Urgent/Non Urgent:	Urgent
Power to be exercised:	Executive Procedural Rule 11 (Procedure for Decision Making by the Executive) paragraph 11.2, Part 4D of the Constitution
Exempt:	No (except for Appendix 2 which is exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 in that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person).
Enclosures:	Appendix 1 : Report to Cabinet 12 November 2009 Appendix 2 : Tender results and recommendations (To be tabled at the meeting).

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the results of the recent insurance tender exercise.

Recommendations:

The Leader is requested to consider the insurance tender results and authorise officers to enter into the recommended insurance contracts as set out in appendix 2.

Reason: (For recommendation)

Temporary insurance arrangements are currently in place and a tender exercise has been carried out to secure permanent insurance as soon as possible. The decision is urgent in order to secure insurance arrangements for the Council from 1st January 2010.

Section 2 – Report

2.1 Introduction

2.1.1 At its meeting on 12th November 2009 the Cabinet received a report explaining the reasons for the current insurance tender exercise and the consortium approach taken in partnership with other London authorities. The report is attached at appendix 1.

2.1.2 In view of the timescale of the tender process, Cabinet delegated the authority to agree the award of the contract(s) to the Leader of the Council.

Current situation

2.1.3 Whilst tender results were not available at the time of writing this report, the results will be available at the meeting by way of appendix 2, which will contain recommendations.

2.1.4 In line with other members of the consortium and to allow sufficient time under the EU procurement regulations to award the business for a commencement date of 1st January 2010, permission to waive the decision call-in period has been received from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Financial Implications

2.1.5 The costs of the new insurance contracts are anticipated to be lower than the current temporary cover arrangements and it is anticipated that the premium for 2010-11 will be within budget.

Performance Issues

- 2.1.6 Within the annual Use of Resources assessment, KLOE 2.4 (Internal Control) requires evidence to determine the answer to the question “Does the organisation manage its risks and maintain a sound system of internal control?”
- 2.1.7 The consortium approach to secure insurance cover will be presented as an example of innovation towards our KLOE 2.4 score.

Environmental Impact

- 2.1.8 None.

Risk Implications

- 2.1.9 Insurable risks are the subject matter of this report and directly contribute to the prudent transfer of financial risks across all council services.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Signature:

Name: Myfanwy Barrett Chief Financial Officer

Date: 17th November 2009

Signature:

Name: Paresh Mehta on behalf of the
Monitoring Officer

Date: 20TH November 2009

Section 4 – Performance Officer Clearance

Signature:

Name: David Harrington on behalf of the
Divisional Director
Partnership,
Development and
Performance

Date: 18th November 2009

Section 5 – Environmental Impact Officer Clearance

Name: Andrew Baker



on behalf of the
Divisional Director
(Environmental
Services)

Date: 17th November 2009

Section 6 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: David Ward, Divisional Director – Risk, Audit & Fraud
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Background Papers: Cabinet report 12th November 2009
(Appendix 1).

Signature:

Position *Corporate Director of Finance*

Name (print) Myfanwy Barrett

Date: 27 November 2009

For Portfolio Holder/Leader

* I do agree to the decision proposed

* I do not agree to the decision proposed

* Please delete as appropriate

Notification of personal interests (if any):

(Note: if you have a prejudicial interest you should not take this decision)

Additional comments made by and/or options considered by the Portfolio Holder

Signature:

Portfolio Holder

Date: