



## **Report to Council**

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**Subject: Waiver of Contract Standing Orders**

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

To seek a waiver of Contract Standing Orders.

### **2. Background**

- (i) The Council retained the services of Tribal to advise it on the process of applying to transfer the housing stock. The Department of Communities and Local Government have now accepted the Council's submission to be included in the list for transfer and the process will now go forward to a ballot of the tenants.
- (ii) It is now necessary to obtain the services of further consultancy advice in the areas relating to the post ballot work on transfer, VAT, financial implications and staffing issues.

### **3. Proposal**

It is, therefore, proposed that Tribal be offered a further contract to provide such advice. Tribal have satisfactorily completed the current contract and have full knowledge of the Council's processes, staffing and relevant financial circumstances. They have been fully involved in all the negotiations concerning transfer. It is, therefore, considered be in the interests of the Council to retain their services as this will facilitate a smoother and more efficient transition.

### **4. Recommendation**

It is, therefore, recommended Contract Standing Orders be waived so that a further contract be offered to Tribal for consultancy services without the requirement for a tendering exercise.