

## Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s) By Elected Mayor

### 1. Subject of decision

Procurement arrangements for the supply of Beach Lifeguarding Services

### 2. Name and Portfolio of Cabinet member(s) (Decision Maker)

Norma Redfearn, Elected Mayor

### 3. Head of Service

Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure

### 4. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None

### 5. Executive summary

Approval is sought to award a 5-year contract to the Royal National in Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) for the provision of a beach lifeguard service in North Tyneside.

The Authority has a duty of care for our visitors in relation to health and safety and water safety issues. The RNLI is a charity who saves lives. They currently have lifeguards patrolling over 240 beaches in the UK and the Channel Islands. The RNLI lifeguard service is therefore important for fulfilling our statutory responsibilities relating to water safety.

The contract period will run from April 2020 to March 2025. The current contract ends on 31 March 2020.

For the full report please see item 7 [here](#)

## 6. Alternative Options considered

Option 1: Approve the recommendations set out in section 1.2 of the report.

Option 2: Not approve the recommendations set out in section 1.2 of the report.

Option 3: To decide that the Authority will now deliver this service directly, however additional resourcing beyond that of the current contract costs would need to be secured to deliver the required level of lifeguard provision. The additional resources would be required to cover annual running costs of the service i.e. maintenance and/or replacement of lifeguard equipment, employee uniforms and public protection equipment, along with first aid and general service equipment. An additional investment of approximately £150,000 would be required for the first year and £70,000 per annum thereafter, to deliver the appropriate level of lifeguard service.

## 7. Decision(s)

The Elected Mayor has agreed to authorise the Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure in consultation with the Cabinet Member and Head of Resources, award a new 5 year contract to the RNLI for the provision of a beach lifeguard service for the period of May 2020 to September 2024 inclusive, on terms and conditions agreed by the Head of Law and Governance.

## 8. Reasons for the Decision(s)

To enable the Authority to award a new contract to the RNLI in preparation for the beach lifeguarding service commencing in May 2020. This would continue for a 5-year term on a seasonal basis until September 2024. This will ensure continuity of service provision.

If the award of the new contract is not approved, the Authority will need decide if we will no longer provide a beach lifeguarding service, or to deliver the service directly. In doing so, the Authority would be required to secure additional budget resources in the first year of approximately £150,000 and £70,000 thereafter, to provide the required level of service. The budget does currently not exist to support this. This would not achieve the most economically advantageous option for the Authority.

**9. Date Decision Made**

26 March 2020

**10. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period**

Yes, the call-in period expires at 5.00pm on Friday 3 April 2020

**11. Date of Publication**

27 March 2020

**12. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)**

After 5.00pm on Friday 3 April 2020