



**Resources and Public Realm
Scrutiny Committee**
14 March 2019

**Report from the Director of
Performance, Policy and
Partnerships**

**Contracts 2023 / Merits & obstacles of bringing services
back in-house**

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt:	Open
No. of Appendices:	0
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1 The report examines the process for establishing terms and the merits and obstacles to bringing the Business Rates service back in-house when the existing contract expires.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee to consider and comment on the proposals contained in the report for an in-house Business Rates service, against other options.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The wider issue of council contracts coming to an end in 2023 is significant, and could dominate discussions over the next few years. There will be many factors to consider, not least value for money and length of contracts.

- 3.2 This report presented for scrutiny committee focuses on the Business Rates contract in particular, and is thus a case study for the wider issue. Not only will scrutiny of this report be useful in and of itself, it will help scrutiny to think about the issues involved more generally ahead of 2023.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 As set out in the report

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 As set out in the report

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 As set out in the report

REPORT SIGN-OFF

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