



**RECOMMENDED that:** an exception to Contract Standing Orders to retain the Management Service Contract for Fawkon Walk with Prime Facilities Management Ltd be agreed.

## **Purpose**

To obtain approval for an exception to Contract Standing Orders to allow the Council to continue the existing Supply of Services Management Contract with Prime Facilities Management Ltd (PFM).

## **Introduction**

PFM were appointed as managing agents for Fawkon Walk in 2014 following a comprehensive tendering exercise.

Throughout the intervening period, the company has complied with all regulations and codes of conduct. At the end of each subsequent contract, its service has been reviewed and found to be of a good standard, a fact supported by the residential and commercial tenants.

The current contract expired on the 30 September 2020 and PFM wishes to renew for a further year on the same financial terms.

An exception to Contract Standing Orders is requested on the basis that it is in the Council's best interests to extend a contract with an existing supplier.

## **Financial, Legal and Risk Management Implications**

All tenants at the Fawkon Walk development (both the residential and commercial) are contracted to reimburse their proportion of the Council's costs, including administering the management of the building and the associated management fees. Accordingly, PFM's charges will be passed onto the tenants by way of the service charge.

## **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected**

After several years of the contract term, both the residential and commercial tenants appear satisfied with the level and quality of service. As there is to be no increase in cost, a further tender would serve no immediate purpose and simply put this at risk.

## **Contribution to the Council's Objectives and Environmental Sustainability Priorities**

The grant of a new contract will continue the successful operation of the precinct, the doctor's surgery and the residential element, whilst managing the Council's assets efficiently.

## Conclusion

That an exception to Contract Standing Orders is approved on the basis that it is in the Council's best interest to complete the contract renewal with the existing supplier, PFM.

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Action reported to the Cabinet on:

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