



Cabinet (Resources) Panel

17 June 2014

Report title	Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council: Provision of Urban Traffic Control – Extension to the Service Level Agreement until the 31 March 2015.	
Decision designation	AMBER	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Peter Bilson Economic Regeneration and Prosperity	
Key decision	No	
In forward plan	Yes	
Wards affected	All	
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Report to be/has been considered by	N/A	

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

1. Approve the extension of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) for the provision of Urban Traffic Control (UTC) services to Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council (DMBC) until 31 March 2015.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval to renew the SLA with DMBC in relation to the provision of UTC services until 31 March 2015, following the outcome of negotiations with DMBC.

2.0 Background

2.1 UTC services have been provided by Wolverhampton City Council to DMBC since 1986. The services provided are primarily for traffic signals and closed circuit television cameras (CCTV) within the Dudley Metropolitan Borough area for traffic management purposes.

2.2 The equipment, owned by DMBC, consists of 85 traffic signalled controlled junctions, 28 pedestrian crossings and 24 CCTV cameras. The equipment is connected to the UTC computer system and the associated CCTV system located at Heantun House.

2.3 The main services and functions within the SLA include:

- The operation and maintenance of the UTC and CCTV systems
- The monitoring of traffic conditions by CCTV and direct on-street observations
- The operation of traffic control fixed time and SCOOT systems by automatic control
- The monitoring and identification of system faults
- The monitoring and updating of traffic signal plans
- Maintenance of the UTC computer database
- Updates and modifications to the existing system
- Monitoring and routine inspection of transmission equipment
- The management of third party equipment maintenance contracts
- Administration of the joint traffic signal maintenance contract

2.4 Following the SLA renewal negotiations, DMBC requested an extension to the current SLA to allow them time to review the provision of services they require. The current income for providing this service is £165,970, this price will be fixed for this additional period.

3.0 Financial implications

3.1 The 2013/14 income for the provision of UTC services was £165,970. This will be held until the 31 March 2015 and is the income built into the 2014/15 approved revenue budgets for Transportation. [JR/28052014/B]

4.0 Legal implications

4.1 This supports the duty under the 'Traffic Management Act 2004' to facilitate the expeditious movement of traffic on road networks for which another authority is responsible. [TS/28052014/F]

5.0 Equalities implications

- 5.1 The SLA contributes towards providing a safe road network for all social groups including pedestrians and motorists.

6.0 Environmental implications

- 6.1 The effective and efficient operation of traffic signals contributes towards improving road safety and reduces traffic congestion. This benefits local communities and the environment.

7.0 Human resources implications

- 7.1 The SLA forms part of the routine duties and tasks of UTC staff.

8.0 Schedule of background papers

- 8.1 Willis, B. (2012) Cabinet Resources Panel: 'Service level agreement to provide urban traffic control services to Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council for the period 1 April to 31 March 2014'