



COUNCIL – 26TH JUNE 2012

**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF DECISION RELATING TO NOTICE OF MOTION
VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

REPORT BY: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members with regard to a Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor R.T. Davies in 2010, which was approved by Council on 23rd November 2010.

2. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 2.1 There are no direct links to strategy, this report is a requirement of the Council's Constitution.

3. THE REPORT

- 3.1 In 2010 Councillor R.T. Davies submitted a Notice of Motion, which was initially debated at the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 5th October 2010. The Committee supported the motion which was then referred to full Council.

- 3.2 On 23rd November 2010, full Council approved the following motion:-

"That the Leader and Chief Executive do not sign or allow to be signed any new contracts or renewal of any existing contracts with Veolia Environmental Services or any other company in breach of international law, so long as to do so would not be in breach of any relevant legislation".

- 3.3 Veolia are one of the two remaining bidders for the Project Gwyrdd Contract. Project Gwyrdd is a key part of the Council's strategy to secure a solution for the treatment of waste, after composting and recycling have been maximised and ensure compliance with landfill divergence targets.

- 3.4 Investigations have concluded that Veolia have not been in breach of international law, and as such there is nothing to prevent the Council entering into any contract with Veolia. Specifically should Veolia be selected as the preferred bidder for Project Gwyrdd, then the Notice of Motion approved on 23rd November 2010 would have no bearing on that procurement process.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no potential equalities implications arising out of this report and its recommendations on groups or individuals who fall under the categories identified in Section 6 of the Council's Strategic Equality Plan. There is no requirement for an Equalities Impact Assessment Questionnaire to be completed for this report.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising should Members approve the recommendation set out in this report.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None.

7. CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 As set out below.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the Council notes that Veolia have not breached international law and are therefore not subject to the terms of the Notice of Motion approved by Council in November 2010.

9. STATUTORY POWER

- 9.1 Local Government Act 1972.

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