

# Birmingham City Council

## Cabinet

25 June 2024



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**Subject:** Procurement Strategy for Highways Maintenance & Management

### Commissioner Review

Commissioners understand the position the Council is in where it must seek a solution to continue delivering Highways Maintenance for Birmingham. Due to the short timescale, an extension to the current contract is the most expedient and deliverable solution. However, Commissioners expect the contract is clear that the Council can exit the arrangement within the two years if circumstances change. Even though the Council is now in this position, Commissioners expect the absolute best value for Birmingham residents.

Commissioners need assurance that BCC approaches this procurement activity as a programme of work with competent programme management, a fully resourced plan of activity, executive oversight and strong, effective governance. The risk register details a number of “red” risks with mitigations that reduce them to an “amber.” Commissioners want to see regular, monthly risk register reporting.

Commissioners would like this “programme” to be within the scope of the CPMO which will deliver the oversight and escalation that may ensure the procurement is successfully delivered and help to address the Commissioner’s comments above.