

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Services Working Party

Full Council – 11 September 2018

1. Introduction

The Services Working Party met on 24 August 2018 and this report contains details of the decisions made at the meeting towards looking at the services for the next financial year.

2. Report Details

2.1 The Parish Council had already taken the decision, following the Best Value Review, to negotiate with StreetSmart to agree new Contracts for Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleaning for the next financial year.

2.2 The Working Party looked at the issues raised in the report and these were mainly around the lack of information being passed to the Parish Council and data collection and record keeping.

The Working Party decided that the Parish Council would initially hold meetings with StreetSmart to discuss the findings of the report and it was thought necessary to involve KMC Management Consultancy in this process. The assistance of KMC was not completely ruled out and it was thought that their input could be needed at a later date.

2.3 The Working Party agreed that 2 separate negotiations should take place. The first with Rob Core to discuss Grounds Maintenance and Cllr Steve Allsopp would attend this meeting. The second to discuss Street Cleaning would be with Rachel Ind and Cllr Chris Watts would attend this meeting.

2.4 The Working Party considered whether any functions should be considered for transfer to the Parish Council from the StreetSmart Contract for the next financial year. It was agreed that due to the negotiation of the Contract there should be no major changes for the next year. The Clerk asked about some small changes so that the Parish Council was completely responsible for allotments and the play areas and it was agreed that this should be looked at.

2.5 The next Services Working Party Meeting would consider the response of StreetSmart and the next stage required.

3. Recommendations

3.1 That the Parish Council notes the report of the Services Working Party.