

REPORT TO:		Cabinet	
DATE:		05 June 2019	
PORTFOLIO:		Cllr Miles Parkinson, Leader	
REPORT AUTHOR:		Steve Riley – Executive Director (Environment)	
TITLE OF REPORT:		Restructuring of Kingdom Services Group Limited	
EXEMPT REPORT (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A)	Options	Not applicable	
KEY DECISION:	No	If yes, date of publication:	

1. **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet that following a restructure of Kingdom Services Group Limited, of Kingdom House, 1 Woodlands Park, Ashton Road, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 0HF the Division formerly known as EPD/LAS will, from the 1st May 2019, become a stand-alone company within the Kingdom Group under the title 'LA Support Limited'

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Cabinet agree to the novation of its existing service level agreement from Kingdom Services Group Limited to LA Support Limited; and
- 2.2 That Cabinet delegates authority to the Executive Director (Environment) following consultation with the Executive Director (Legal & Democratic Services) to agree the terms of, and sign, the relevant Deed of Novation agreement; and
- 2.3 That Cabinet delegates authority to the Executive Director (Environment), following consultation with the Executive Director (Legal & Democratic Services) and the Portfolio Holder, to agree the terms of, and sign, any further amendments to the agreement between the Council and LA Support Services Ltd during the remainder of the pilot agreement.

3. **Reasons for Recommendations and Background**

- 3.1 At its meeting on 18 July 2018, Cabinet approved the appointment of Kingdom Services Group Limited to provide litter and dog fouling enforcement services to the Council for a 12 month pilot, commencing Monday 5 November 2018.

- 3.2 Notification has been received from Kingdom Services Group Limited, confirming the creation of LA Support Limited as a standalone company with company number 11850540 and with VAT registration number 318945571. Details of the relevant insurances in the name of LA Support Limited have also been supplied to the Council.
- 3.3 A letter sent to the Executive Director (Environment) attached as Appendix 1, gives assurances as to the service continuing to be supplied by the existing staff engaged on the pilot agreement with the Council.

4. Alternative Options considered and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 The Council does not agree to the novation/assignment and withdraws from the pilot arrangement.

5. Consultations

- 5.1 The Legal Services Manager and Portfolio Holder

6. Implications

Financial implications (including any future financial commitments for the Council)	Withdrawing from the agreement would mean the Council no longer receives the 10% income from any FPN's issued.
Legal and human rights implications	The Council will arrange for the existing agreement to be transferred to LA Support Ltd on the same terms as the current agreement with Kingdom Services Group Limited.
Assessment of risk	Agreeing to the novation/assignment is a low risk as existing members of staff and all obligations are being transferred to the new company.
Equality and diversity implications <i>A Customer First Analysis should be completed in relation to policy decisions and should be attached as an appendix to the report.</i>	There are no new equality and diversity implications from those outlined in the report dated 18 July 2018.

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985: List of Background Papers

- 7.1 Cabinet report titled "Appointment of Enforcement Contractor to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for Littering and Dog Fouling"