



<b>Subject:</b>	Service Level Agreement – The Conservation Volunteers
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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	This report is to provide Members with an update on the Service Level Agreement with the Conservation Volunteers (TCV), which provides a disposal outlet for waste removed by TCV from lands around the Poleglass area of Belfast and under contract from the Department for Communities (DfC).
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Approve the continuation of the Service Level Agreement approach used to accept waste collected by The Conservation Volunteers during daily clean-up operations in Poleglass, inherited as part of the Local Government Reform process in 2015.</li></ul>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<p data-bbox="272 226 421 255"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 327 1465 510">3.1 At the February 2017 committee, Members endorsed the approach by Waste Management to provide a disposal outlet for waste collected by The Conservation Volunteers TCV), on Department for Communities (DfC) lands, in the Poleglass area of Belfast. (See Appendix 1 - map of TCV clean-up lands).</p> <p data-bbox="165 577 1465 761">3.2 The Department for Communities has retendered this service and TCV has been awarded the contract. The DfC contract with TCV, is aimed at carrying out a range of environmental improvement initiatives and to ensure fly-tipped waste is collected and disposed of in an environmentally sound manner from DfC lands in the Poleglass area.</p> <p data-bbox="165 828 1465 1012">3.3 The existing SLA between the Council and TCV, which expires on 1 May 2019, allows TCV to use Blackstaff Household Recycling Centre to deposit waste and recyclable materials collected from the Poleglass area. In line with the Council’s current arrangements for charities, the collection/disposal of waste is charged at a discounted rate.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1079 1465 1317">3.4 To date, the SLA has worked well and served the needs of both TCV and the Council. It plays a positive role in removing fly-tipped material from this area, contributing to a cleaner, greener city. The SLA also supports a full-time team of five Community Project Officers within TCV (further details of the TCV work is contained in Appendix 2 –TCV Annual Report 2017/18).</p> <p data-bbox="165 1384 1465 1568">3.5 Given the new contract between DfC and TCV, the Service is proposing to enter into a new SLA to reflect the extended time scale and ensure continuity of service. The new SLA will cover the period 1 May 2019 to 31 August 2020, with the option to extend for a further two, one year periods to 31 August 2022.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1635 719 1664"><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1686 1422 1771">3.6 The SLA with TCV has an income of approximately £15,000 per annum (this covers any disposal costs).</p> <p data-bbox="272 1839 1134 1868"><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1890 1394 1919">3.7 There are no equality, good relations or rural needs issues associated with this report.</p>

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 – Map of TCV clean-up lands in Poleglass area. Appendix 2 – 2017/18 TCV Annual Report