

REPORT TO: SHAREHOLDER SUB COMMITTEE

DATE: 28 SEPTEMBER 2021

TITLE: HTS GROUP LTD BUSINESS PLAN (SCOPING DOCUMENT)

LEAD OFFICERS: CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT BOARD

RECOMMENDED that:

- A** Shareholder Sub Committee approves the scoping document as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

BACKGROUND

1. Following the completion of the Best Value Review 2019, HTS (Property and Environment) Ltd were awarded an extension to its existing contract for a further 5 years to 2027.
2. To align to the Council's ambition for its Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) outlined at the Committee in July 2021, it has requested HTS to develop and update its current Business Plan to reflect the new vision.

ISSUES/PROPOSALS

3. Meetings were held on the 5 June 2021, and 10 August 2021 between HTS, Harlow Council and Councilor's to discuss the Scoping Document in more detail and to agree the principles, themes, and priorities included in the Scoping Document. Once approved, the scoping report will inform the direction of the new HTS Group Ltd Business Plan which will be presented to Cabinet in February 2022.

IMPLICATIONS

Environment and Planning (Includes Sustainability)

As set out in the report.

Author: Andrew Bramidge, Head of Environment and Planning

Finance (Includes ICT, and Property and Facilities)

Finance implications are to follow.

Author: Simon Freeman, Head of Finance and Property and Deputy to the Chief Executive

Housing

As contained in the report.

Author: Andrew Murray, Head of Housing

Community Wellbeing

None specific.

Author: Jane Greer, Head of Community Wellbeing

Governance (Includes HR)

The scoping document should align to the outcomes of the Best Value Review reported to Cabinet in 2019.

Author: Simon Hill, Head of Governance

Appendices

Appendix A – HTS Group Ltd Business Plan Scoping Report

Background Papers

None.

Glossary of terms/abbreviations used

LATC – Local Authority Trading Company