

Officer Decisions

County Solicitor - Jan Shadbolt, Mary Davis and Rob Parkhouse

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision

To agree the future of Babcock Learning and Development Partnership LLP once its Service Contract with Devon County Council (DCC) expires on the 31st July 2022.

Decision Taken

To wind up the LLP once the Service Contract with DCC expires on the 31st July 2022.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected

The other Options potentially available would all involve the LLP continuing to just deliver the Traded Services. These Options were therefore each rejected because (as outlined above) neither Officers or Babcock felt the LLP would be operationally or financially viable once the Service Contract ends and the majority of LLP staff transfer to DCC.

3. DCC sell/transfer their member interest to Babcock or a third party. This option was rejected. Babcock do not want to purchase DCC's member interest and do not want to continue to be a partner in the LLP once the service contract ends. An LLP must have a minimum of 2 partners.

4. Babcock sell/transfers their member interest to DCC or a third party. This option was rejected. DCC could not continue in the LLP with a replacement third party without running a public procurement exercise. An LLP must have a minimum of 2 partners.

5. Do nothing – Babcock and DCC continue as members of the LLP to deliver the Traded Services. This option was rejected. Babcock do not want to continue as a member of the LLP and the LLP is not financially or operationally viable once the Service Contract ends.

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation

None

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Decision Date

21 June 2021

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