

East Lindsey District Council

Decision Notice From: **Leader of the Council**

Date: 20 March 2024

Title: To approve the award of the contract for the external management of public conveniences from 1st April 2024, and to amend the revenue budget for 2024/25 based on the contract price from the highest scoring supplier through the procurement process.

Wards Affected: n/a

Key Decision: **Yes** Implementation Date: 1st April 2024

Urgent Decision: **Yes**

The decision is urgent as any delay caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. In accordance with the Council's Constitution the Chairman of the Council has agreed that the decision proposed is a reasonable in the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency.

DECISION:

1. To approve the award of the contract for the external management of public conveniences to Healthmatic Ltd from 1st April 2024.
2. To amend the revenue budget based on the contract price detailed in Appendix 2 of the Leader's report 'Public Conveniences Contract'.

Reason for the Decision:

To ensure the Council continues to receive best value for money and a high level of service standard for future public toilet provision.

The top scoring supplier is an experienced company, managing toilet facilities in partnership many local authorities throughout the UK.

The decision to award the Lot 1 contract - will provide officers with the option to progress talks with the contractor, to inform proposals for the future provision of the 8 ELDC ran facilities (Lot 2).

Alternative options considered:

Do nothing – there will be no pay-entry service public convenience provision from 1st April 2024 in our market and coastal towns.

Provide the service in house – a costing exercise has been undertaken. The annual figure for an in-house provision of the pay for entry facilities is £782,878. This would also be subject to inflationary increases (staff pay ward etc). The Council could only offer card payment only, and there is a greater risk with returning to an in-house service as the Council will bear the cost of utilities, repairs and maintenance, installation and ongoing maintenance of new pay-entry mechanisms.

Conflict of interest declared:

None

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

n/a