

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources for Decision

Portfolio:	Policy and Resources
Subject:	Water Testing and Monitoring Contract Extension 2018-20
Report of:	Director of Finance and Resources
Corporate Priorities:	Dynamic, Prudent and Progressive Council.

Purpose:

To approve the award of a two-year extension to the contract with Clearwater Technology Ltd for water testing and monitoring services for the council's operational property, sheltered housing, public conveniences, sports pavilions and irrigation systems.

Executive Summary:

In March 2013, the Executive member for Policy and Resources approved the award of a five-year contract for water testing and monitoring to Clearwater Technology at a value of £116,675.00.

The purpose of the contract was to ensure that the Councils statutory duties with regard to the prevention of Legionnaires disease were fulfilled.

The contractor's performance over the five year period has been excellent with the result that the risk has been effectively managed, the risks minimised and value for money achieved.

Negotiations with Clearwater Technology have resulted in agreement to extend the current arrangement at a cost of £21K for year 1 and £26k for year 2. The higher cost in year 2 is due to the need to conduct the Legionella Risk assessments then in addition to the routine monitoring. These costs are comparable to the existing ones and are considered to represent excellent value for money.

As the existing provider has provided value for money, has provided an excellent

service and meet all of our requirements, it is recommended that consideration be given to extending the existing contract arrangement for a further two years.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the existing contract with Clearwater Technology for the risk assessment, water testing and monitoring of the Councils assets is extended for two years in the sum of £47,174.65.

Reason:

To ensure that the Council continues to meet its statutory requirements in terms of the prevention of Legionella Pneumophila from its water systems.

Cost of Proposals:

The extension to the contract will cost £47,174.65 over two years and will be funded from existing revenue budgets.

Risk Assessment:

Should the contract not be extended, then the council would be failing to meet its statutory responsibilities and the control measures in place to minimise the risk would be compromised.