

NEW DELIVERY MODEL for T.L.C &.Y. SERVICES
FINAL BUSINESS CASE
TRADE UNION COMMENTS TO JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE JULY 24th 2017

Outsourcing from the Public Sector, of any sort, has always been resisted by the Trade Union Movement.

Concerns have centred around set up and transactional costs, subsequent reduction in jobs and services, general employment insecurity and deterioration in pay and terms. The establishment of such 'arm's length' arrangements often help facilitate the 'outsourcing' of the impacts of Austerity

However, if an Alternative Delivery Model (ADM) is to be established, the Council should promote stability and a smooth transition by ensuring that:

- The Annual Management Fee (5.5 pg. 67) is inflation proofed and assured for a significant period, without taper. Experience from elsewhere suggests that significant income generation can be difficult to achieve in a timely fashion, and of course impossible in 'non-commercial' areas such as Countryside and the Youth Service.
- The Asset base (4.5.2.pg 53) is retained, maintained and invested in.
- A 'Teckal' Company is established to avoid subsequent Competitive Tendering for services (4.3.2.5 pg. 48)
- A long term Support Services Agreement (4.5.2 pg. 52) is entered into to achieve stability for Council Central Services
- A Staffing Agreement is drawn up with the ADM to protect the interests of employees.

STAFFING MATTERS

TUPE and the pension arrangements for transferring staff would have to apply (4.6 pgs. 55 - 57)

In addition, the Trade Unions seek a Staffing Agreement, which would cover:

- Admission to the Local Government Pension Scheme to be on an open basis, allowing new employees to join. The Council should consider assisting the ADM by meeting 'historic' pension liabilities
- Trade Union Recognition for all staff with supporting procedural agreements
- Commitment to National and Local Agreements on an enduring, dynamic basis
- Embedding of the Living Wage without supplement
- Application to be added to the Redundancy Modification Order
- A Disputes Resolution procedure
- All the above to apply to any sub contract or subsidiary
- The Code of Practice on Workforce Matters in Public Sector Service Contracts (the so called 2 Tier Code), would have to apply in any event.

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