

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 08 March 2021 by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure.

Date notified to all Members: Monday 08 March 2021

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Friday 12 March 2021

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from Saturday 13 March 2021

1. **TITLE**

Provision of Digital Autopsy

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That the Cabinet Member:-

(a) approves the direct award of a service contract as outlined in the report, namely the ongoing provision of a digital autopsy service to support the coronial service; and

(b) delegates authority to the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Commercial Services and Director of Legal and Governance, to:-

(i) decide the procurement strategy;

(ii) negotiate and agree the terms of the new contract with iGene Digital Autopsy; and

(iii) award the new contract to iGene Digital Autopsy.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

Continuation of the service for the residents of Sheffield is considered to benefit all residents of the city through both reduced post-mortem examinations and through faster release of bodies to families. Of the alternative options, options 1 and 2 will both, ultimately, result in scanning for Sheffield being either significantly reduced or ended.

Option 3 would result in significantly increased costs and involve the transport of bodies to and from Bradford.

Option 4 has the possibility to reduce costs, however, the risks involved in this

option are considered to be too high to pursue this option and there would be a period where scanning could not be carried out while infrastructure is put in place for this to happen.

4. Alternatives Considered And Rejected

A number of alternative options have been considered, which were:-

Option 1: Revert to the original agreement with iGene;

Option 2: End digital Autopsy in Sheffield

Option 3: Enter in to contract with Bradford Council

Option 4: SCC operates its own scanning service

Further details of these options, including their benefits, disbenefits and costs, are set out in the report.

5. Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None

6. Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Director of Culture, Parks and Leisure

7. Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee