

## Officer Decision Record

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<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Councillor Mark Crane, Leader
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	Janet Waggott, Chief Executive
<b>Title of Decision:</b>	Extension of existing Better Together Collaboration Service Level Agreement - Legal Services with North Yorkshire County Council until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021.
<b>Ward(s) Affected:</b>	All
<b>Type of Decision:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Key decision <input type="checkbox"/> Non key decision discharging (or connected to the discharge of) an Executive function <input type="checkbox"/> Specific delegation from Council or Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Grant of permission / licence <input type="checkbox"/> Affecting the rights of an individual <input type="checkbox"/> Awarding a contract or incurring expenditure which materially affects the financial position of the Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision under urgency
<b>Details of decision:</b>	To extend the existing Better Together Collaboration Service Level Agreement - Legal Services, with North Yorkshire County Council, (which ends on 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021) until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021.
<b>Reason for decision:</b>	To continue to provide a shared service legal arrangement pending a more focussed review once the announcement has been made regarding local government reorganisation.
<b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	<p>Not continuing the arrangement would likely require TUPE transfer of some staff from NYCC to SDC and recruitment to new in-house legal posts at SDC. As the announcement on Local Government Reorganisation is likely to be made before the parliamentary summer recess it is agreed with NYCC that ending the arrangement would divert resource in managing that change which would impact on continuing services in the short term at a time of uncertainty for both organisations.</p> <p>NYCC have agreed to extend the collaboration until 31<sup>st</sup> December</p>

	2021, so that any reorganisation decision can be factored into any review of the arrangement at that time.
<b>Member Interests:</b> ( <i>Name of any Member who has declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision and details of any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service if appropriate</i> )	None.
<b>Legal, Financial or other implications:</b>	The Chief Executive confirms that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and is to be treated as urgent.
<b>Background papers:</b>	None.
<b>Contact details for further information:</b>	Janet Waggott, Chief Executive 01757 705101
<b>Signed:</b>	<b>Signature Redacted</b>  Councillor Mark Crane, Leader of the Council
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2021