

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**AGENDA
ITEM NO**

6 JUNE 2019

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Report Title	UBICO BUSINESS PLAN & 5 YEAR VISION 2019/2020
Purpose of Report	To provide an update on the Business Plan & 5 Year Vision 2019/2020 from Ubico
Decision(s)	The Committee RESOLVES to note the business plan and AGREE to change the sign off process for the business plan in subsequent years
Consultation and Feedback	Officers and shareholders
Financial Implications and Risk Assessment	<p>There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.</p> <p>The attached business plan is consistent with the MTFP and the Council will continue to work with Ubico to identify efficiencies and opportunities for the service.</p> <p>Andrew Cummings – Interim Director of Resources Tel: 01453 754115 Email: andrew.cummings@stroud.gov.uk</p>
Legal Implications	<p>There are no legal implications arising from this report.</p> <p>Mike Wallbank Solicitor E-Mail: Mike.Wallbank@stroud.gov.uk</p>
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Options	The report is for information only.
Performance Management Follow Up	Directors and Shareholders meetings are held quarterly to progress the business plan. Officers also meet with Ubico on a monthly basis to discuss operational performance.
Background Papers/ Appendices	Ubico Business Plan & 5 Year Vision 2019/2020

1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Stroud District Council entered an agreement with Ubico in 2016 to provide services covering the collection of waste, recycling, street cleaning, grounds maintenance and building cleaning. This is commonly known as the multi service contract.
- 1.2 The agreement is currently performing well as can be demonstrated by the data published by the County Joint Waste Committee (JWC). There has been a dramatic increase in recycling rate and decrease in waste to landfill since the changes made since the implementation of the 2016 agreement.
- 1.3 The service has been recognised nationally as an exemplar by Defra and the service has been shortlisted for the National Recycling Awards for the Cutting Waste to Landfill category and the Food Waste Initiative category.

2. BUSINESS PLAN PRODUCTION AND AGREEMENT

- 2.1 The annual business plan is produced by Ubico and taken to the Directors and Shareholders meeting in February/March of each year for agreement for the following financial year.
- 2.2 In previous years this has been agreed to and signed off by the Council's Ubico Shareholder (the Chief Executive). Previously the Director of Customer Services has been a director on the Ubico Board, and following her retirement, the Head of Community Services has been an observer on the board pending the appointment of a new Director.
- 2.3 In future years it is proposed that the draft business plan is brought to this Committee prior to the Directors and Shareholders sign off meetings, to allow for members comments to be considered prior to the report being finalised and endorsed by Shareholders.

3. CONCLUSION

Members are recommended to note the business plan for the financial year 2019/20 appended here, and to agree the recommended change to the sign off process to enable earlier input into the future draft business plans.