



**DECISION OF
THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
DECISION NO. CSD101**

SUBJECT: SUPPLY OF AGENCY WORKERS – TEMPORARY

Background: In February 2012 the Council contracted with Comensura to provide a managed service for the provision of agency workers within the ESPO (Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation) MSTAR (Managed Services for Temporary Agency Resources) Framework Agreement.

The current Comensura contract for the provision of agency workers expired on the 31st January 2016 and work is being undertaken to review the arrangements before the contact is renewed or changed.

Decision: To approve a short 4 month extension to allow for the formalisation of a long term contractual arrangement to achieve best value.

Reasons: This extension is a short term measure to ensure that the Council continues to have contract coverage whilst it needs to secure the services of agency workers in some services. The longer term arrangement will be supported by a full options appraisal and business case.

Other Alternatives Considered: Alternatives are being considered alongside a potential extension to the contract with Comensura. In terms of the long term plan, a full and detailed option appraisal will be completed.

Financial Implications: It is difficult to predict exact spend figures for the four month extension period. However, using last year's average monthly Comensura Fee as a basis, the financial implication of this decision will be approximately £5500.

Implications for Future Years: This specific decision has no implications for future years.

Signed..... *P. A. Morris* (Paul Morris for Director of Corporate Services)

Dated..... *11/3/2016*.....