

EX75. Pest Control

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services providing an update in relation to pest control within the Falkirk Council area, following the decision of the Executive on 27 August 2019.

In compliance with procurement duties it would not be appropriate for the Council to promote any particular pest control company over any other. However the Council website had been updated to link to the national “Buy with Confidence Scheme”.

Suitable information in relation to good waste housekeeping and examples of best practice regarding general vermin control were also now detailed on the Council website.

Following removal of the pest control service, there had not been an increase in vermin/pest control complaints directly to council officers however. There had been no change to the weekly food collection service, which should be the only food source for vermin. The charge for the collection of bulky items was only for the uplift of household items which did not provide a food source for vermin.

Decision

The Executive noted what actions had been taken since changes were made to waste collections and disposal arrangements with effect from 1 April 2019.