

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS
Pre-Decision Question - Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 1st Sept. 2016

Cabinet Report	Question / Response
<p>Item 5.5 Procurement of Cleaning and Associated Services Contract</p>	<p>1. That Cabinet looks at the example of the London Borough of Southwark, who has brought the cleaning contract back in-house and has secured financial savings through better procurement practice. ?</p> <p>Response: In-sourcing has been considered as part of this review. It has been noted that Contract Services currently deliver an estimated 11% of the overall services within the scope of this proposed contract (through the purchase of an annual SLA; predominantly a service used by schools). These services are limited to the provision of direct labour only and do not extend to any sub-contracted services e.g. specialist cleaning, washroom or window cleaning services. Contract Services have declined to bid for the past two tender invitations due to the size, complexity and scope of requirements. Following the centralisation of property services in the council, it is considered that a full market test is now appropriate given the changes to the number and types of buildings covered by this proposed contract. Contract Services will be encouraged by invitation to tender to bid for the provision of the services, in this way the council can be assure that a value for money review has been undertaken.</p>