**Members Briefing – Pest Control Service**

Leeds City Council, Pest Control Service are launching a new ‘In-house’ domestic pest control service from 1st September 2022.

The council currently operate a successful ‘in-house’ commercial pest control team, which provides both ‘one-off’ treatments and contracts to council partners and commercial businesses within Leeds.

The new domestic service will operate with five fully qualified and experienced pest control technicians and is expected to handle over 4,000 customer bookings a year. We will offer quick, safe and effective pest control treatments for a wide range of pests with one fixed payment for the entire treatment. The service is available to owner occupiers and all tenants, including LCC tenants. The service is also available to both private and social landlords.

The domestic service is currently contracted out and has been to several different providers since 2007.

In-sourcing the domestic service will;

* enable a sharper focus on quality and performance
* maximise income to the council
* support the council’s drive for quality service provision and value for money
* enable the development of stronger local supply chains
* promote local job creation and training opportunities
* allow better integration with other council services – Housing Leeds being a significant partner.

The provision of a sustainable and affordable domestic pest control service contributes towards the Best Council Plan priority of keeping people safe from harm, and the Plan’s outcome that everyone should live in good quality homes with clean and cared for places. The eradication and prevention of pest infestations also contributes towards the Council priority to reduce health inequalities.

The published report detailing the proposed plans for the domestic in-house service can be found here [Council and democracy (leeds.gov.uk)](https://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=55320)