9. <u>PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS - DIRECT AWARD TO THE</u> WILDLIFE INFORMATION CENTRE

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Corporate Services seeking approval to make a direct award to the Wildlife Information Centre for the assessment of planning applications and to undertake a local biodiversity site assessment process for development planning.

The report recommended that the Council Executive approves a direct award of technical consultancy work to the Wildlife Information Centre for the provision of advice on protected species issues in relation to submitted planning applications and progressing of the local biodiversity sites process for a period from 1 June 2020 – 31 May 2023. The anticipated contract value is £31,130.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.