

Cabinet – 4 April 2012

Contract for Household Waste Recycling Centres and Transfer Station

Portfolio: Councillor Tom Ansell, Transport and Environment

Service: Street Pride

Wards: All

Key decision: No

Forward plan: No

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report is to inform members of the need to re-tender the contract for the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) and Transfer Station.
- 1.2 The contract was awarded in 2006, was extended for three years in 2011 and will therefore end on 31 March 2014, with no further option to extend.
- 1.3 In order to procure a new contract in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2006 (as amended) and to satisfy the requirements to advertise in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU), consideration must now be given to commence the contract tendering process to allow sufficient time to competitively tender and award contracts.
- 1.4 Re-tendering the contract will ensure Walsall is best placed to sustain high levels of recycling.

2. Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the start of the procurement process for a new contract to operate the Household Waste Recycling Centres and Transfer Station within the Borough. The subsequent award of the contract will be subject to Cabinet approval.

3. Report detail

- 3.1 As a Unitary Authority, Walsall Council has the responsibility for the collection and disposal of waste. The Council has a number of statutory obligations under Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA 1990):

- a) Section 45 places a duty on the Council to collect household waste and, if requested, commercial waste within Walsall.
 - b) Section 48 places a duty on the Council to provide a place for the disposal of the waste collected by the Council.
 - c) Section 51 places a duty on disposal authorities to provide a place for residents to deposit waste.
- 3.2 The Council operates one waste Transfer Station located at Fryers Road, Bloxwich where waste is temporarily deposited and then bulked up for onward transport to a place for final disposal. The Transfer Station is essential for running the Council's waste collection and disposal service.
- 3.3 The HWRC and Transfer Station are currently operated under contract by May Gurney Ltd.

4. Council priorities

It is anticipated that re-tendering this contract will support more recycling by Walsall's communities.

5. Risk management

- 5.1 Under the European Landfill Directive, the UK has an obligation to reduce the amount of biodegradable municipal waste going to landfill. The EU Directive was turned in to UK Law through the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS). LATS will finish in March 2013 although compliance with the EU Directive will remain.
- 5.2 A number of materials can be taken to the HWRC for recycling and this makes up 15% of all materials collected for recycling. Recyclable materials that are collected from the kerbside are delivered to the Transfer Station and bulked up for onward transport to a Materials Recycling Facility where they are sorted and sent on for processing into new materials.

6. Financial implications

Funding of the activities will be reviewed once the outcome of the tender process is known, this will be reported back to Cabinet for consideration and approval. The preferred contractor will have to demonstrate best value for money.

7. Legal implications

The value of the contract is above the current EU threshold level for services, which means that it must be tendered in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2006 (as amended). Legal and procurement advice will be taken throughout the tendering process to ensure probity and that the correct process is followed. The Council has established a project team for the procurement and sought initial advice from Corporate Procurement and this approach has been agreed with them.

8. Property implications

The Council currently provides two HWRC located at Fryers Road, Bloxwich and Merchants Way, Aldridge.

9. Staffing implications

The HWRC operatives are employed by the contractor, whilst the weighbridge officer located at Fryers Road is employed by the Council. Therefore there are no staffing implications relating to this report.

10. Equality implications

None arising from this report.

11. Consultation

Officers are intending to undertake benchmarking and research in to best practice with other councils and service providers.

Background papers

None.

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