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Waste Management Strategy – Waste Transfer Station (WTS) and Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) Update

Ward(s): All

Portfolios: Councillor A Andrew – Deputy Leader & Regeneration
Councillor K Murphy – Clean and Green

1. Aim

To provide a new waste transfer station (WTS) and household waste recycling centre (HWRC) at Middlemore Lane in Aldridge. The existing HWRC at Fryers Road may be upgraded at a later date. Merchants Way HWRC will be closed once the new facilities are open to residents.

2. Recommendations

That the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the procurement and evaluation approach for the WTS and HWRC at Middlemore Lane in Aldridge.

3. Report detail – know

- 3.1 Planning applications for Middlemore Lane WTS and HWRC were submitted on 27 January 2022 and approved on 26 May 2022. The outline design is shown in **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2 In July 2022, a pre-market engagement exercise was undertaken to determine interest in constructing a new WTS and HWRC at Middlemore Lane with appropriate civil engineering contractors on the Pagabo procurement framework.
- 3.3 In October 2022, Cabinet delegated authority to the Executive Director for Economy, Environment and Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Regeneration and Clean and Green, to approve the award of contract for the design and build of Middlemore Lane WTS and HWRC.
- 3.4 At the same meeting, Cabinet decided that the contract would consist of two stages, Stage 1 Design and Stage 2 Build and be tendered via the Pagabo Major Works Framework, Lot 2 for projects valued between £15 million - £30 million.
- 3.5 At the end of Stage 1, the preferred option would be to continue with the same contractor to complete Stage 2. However, the council will own the final design and another contractor could complete the project if necessary.

- 3.6 Four contractors on the framework declared their interest for the design and build stages of Middlemore Lane. They were:
- John Graham Construction
 - Kier Construction
 - Morgan Sindall
 - Willmott Dixon
- 3.7 Interested contractors received tender documents via the In-Tend portal on 01 November 2022 with a return date of 22 December 2022. All four contractors returned compliant bids.
- 3.8 A panel consisting of fourteen members evaluated the returned bids. They were a mixture of Walsall Council employees, consultants Wardell-Armstrong who are advising on the project, Faithful and Gould as quantity surveyors providing technical advice. Members evaluated areas specific to their expertise. The evaluation factors were based on:
- Price – 20% - Design Activity Schedule
 - Quality – 80% (includes the Construction Activity Schedule for estimated construction cost)
- 3.9 The rigorous and robust evaluation and moderation exercise took place during January 2023 and concluded early March 2023.
- 3.10 At the time of writing this report, corporate procurement are finalising the evaluation outcome and writing the procurement report to be signed by Executive Director, Economy, Environment and Communities, prior to the successful contractor being notified by mid-April 2023.
- 3.11 Design work will commence in May 2023 and construction work will begin late September 2023 with an 18-month delivery programme.

4. *Financial information*

All four contractors returned compliant bids within the financial envelope approved by Cabinet in October 2022 of approx. £30m for the design and build stages of Middlemore Lane. The capital funding is available in 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years.

5. *Reducing Inequalities*

- 5.1 The original Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) will be updated through the project life cycle for the delivery of the new WTS and HWRC at Middlemore Lane.
- 5.2 The Middlemore Lane site will have blue badge car parking facilities for customers with mobility issues and there will be on-site support to assist customers with physical disabilities for unloading items.
- 5.3 The reuse shop would provide low cost goods or items for disadvantaged families.

6 Decide

- 6.1 The committee is to consider the content of this report, provide comments on progress to date and confirm any specific information required for a subsequent project update.
- 6.2 This investment in the waste management infrastructure will enable sustainable delivery of the council's waste services, improve recycling performance and facilitate the introduction of mandatory food waste collections.

7. Respond

The next steps for officers are:

- a) Award of design contract – Stage 1
- b) Appointment of specialist project management resource to act on behalf of the council for duration of the project
- c) Develop and agree the final engineering drawings
- d) Develop and agree final construction costs
- e) Award of build contract – Stage 2
- f) Develop construction delivery programme
- g) Effective communication with stakeholders

8. Review

There will be updates to the project board, Portfolio Holder, Scrutiny and Cabinet as necessary.

Appendices

Appendix A – Outline Design

Background papers

None

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