

From: David Brazier, Cabinet Member - Environment and Transport
Mike Austerberry, Corporate Director – Growth, Environment & Transport

To: Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee – 24 April 2014

Subject: Decision No: Food Waste Processing Contracts

Classification: Unrestricted

Past Pathway of Paper: None

Future Pathway of Paper: For Cabinet Member Decision

Electoral Division: All

Summary: To advise Cabinet Committee of the forthcoming procurement and award of Food Waste Processing Contracts in accordance with chosen evaluation methodology which will be stated in the published Food Waste Invitation to Tender, and to seek comments from Members.

Recommendation(s):

That the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee note and comment on Kent County Council awarding contracts to the preferred tenderers following the completion of a procurement process for the provision of Food Waste Processing.

- a) Lot 1: indicative tonnage of 14,000 p.a.
- b) Lot 2: indicative tonnage of 5,000 p.a.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides information concerning a procurement which will be undertaken by KCC Waste Management to identify providers to receive, handle, store and process approximately 19,000 tonnes of household food waste per annum.
- 1.2 The proposed contracts are required to fulfil the Council's statutory duty as a Waste Disposal Authority for food waste arising from district council kerbside collections.
- 1.3 The proposed contracts would be required to commence in August 2014 for an initial term of six years.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 The proposed contract spend by KCC will be approximately £4.8m per year for an initial period of up to six years, with a possible extension of up to six years based on performance.
- 2.2 There is potential to secure financial savings through these new contracts.

3. The Report

- 3.1 The proposed contracts are required to prevent extension of existing contracts which would be in breach of procurement regulations.
- 3.2 Transparent and accountable procurement processes will be undertaken to select providers for the processing of food waste.
- 3.3 KCC has a statutory responsibility as the Waste Disposal Authority for the disposal of household waste and as such the contracts subject to this report are a fundamental requirement to ensure food waste can be managed cost-effectively and via environmentally sound methods.
- 3.4 The Equality Impact Assessment undertaken concluded that no protected characteristics will be impacted upon either positively or negatively as a result of these contracts. This is predominately due to the contracts delivering a non-customer facing service.
- 3.5 There are no implications for the Council's property portfolio as a result of the proposed action.
- 3.6 Approval for the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport (Mr David Brazier) to award food waste contracts following the completion of a competitive tendering process is sought.

4. Conclusions

Robust procurement processes will be undertaken to identify providers for the delivery of food waste processing of household waste. There may be potential to secure financial savings through the new contracts and ensure service continuity to meet the Council's statutory obligation as a Waste Disposal Authority.

5. Recommendation(s):

That the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee note and comment on Kent County Council awarding contracts to the preferred tenderers following the completion of a procurement process for the provision of Food Waste Processing.

- a) Lot 1: indicative tonnage of 14,000 p.a.
- b) Lot 2: indicative tonnage of 5,000 p.a.

6. Background Documents

Contract information will be published via www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk

7. Contact details

Report Author:

Melanie Price, Partnerships and Development Manager

01622 605841

melanie.price@kent.gov.uk

Relevant Director:

Roger Wilkin, Head of Waste Resource Management

01622 605996

roger.wilkin@kent.gov.uk