

**From:** Mike Austerberry, Corporate Director – Growth, Environment & Transport

**To:** David Brazier, Cabinet Member – Environment & Transport

**Date:** 8 May 2014

**Decision No:** 14/00049

**Subject:** Food Waste Processing Contracts

**Classification:** Unrestricted

**Past Pathway of Paper:**

Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee – 24 April 2015

**Future Pathway of Paper:** For Cabinet Member Decision

**Electoral Division:** All

**Recommendation(s):**

That the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport agrees the award of 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 to award food waste contracts following the completion of a competitive tendering process is sought.

### **4. Cabinet Committee involvement**

This matter was discussed by the Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee on 24 April 2014.

Members asked how officers planned to increase Member engagement and keep them informed. Concern was expressed that members were being asked to make comment without sufficient information being provided or at a time when comments could not be acted upon by officers.

Members were advised that all tenders were published on line prior to engaging in the Democratic Decision Making process and that this particular procurement had been included in the Directorate Business Plan.

The Cabinet Committee supported the recommendation of the award of contracts to preferred tenderers following the completion of a procurement process for the provision of Food Waste Processing.

### **5. 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.

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## 7. Background Documents

7.1 Contract information will be published via [www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk](http://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk)

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