

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Contract for the Provision of Waste Recycling and Disposal Services (Waste Contract)
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On 21 July 2015, Cabinet resolved to award contracts to Hills Waste Solutions for:

- Lot 1 (materials recovery facility for dry recyclable materials)
- Lot 3 (garden waste composting) and
- Lot 4 (landfill or landfill diversion)

On 19 January 2016, Cabinet resolved to award contracts to Hills Waste Solutions for:

- Lot 2 (management of nine council owned household recycling centres) and
- Lot 5 (waste collection including the co-mingled collection of dry recyclables with separate glass - black boxes will be used solely for glass collection and blue lidded bins will take all other recyclables including a wider selection of plastics.)

All contracts would start from August 2017 and would run for eight years with the option for the council to extend each contract by a further eight years.

The contract award means that employees of Wiltshire Council involved in the operation and delivery of the waste collection services may be subject to TUPE (Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment).

The Council would work in partnership with Hills Waste Solutions, its current contractors, and the trade unions to support staff and keep councillors fully informed throughout the process.

On 9 February 2016, Cabinet delegated authority to the Associate Director Waste and Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Waste and the Associate Director Legal and Governance to extend the Contract for the Provision of Waste Recycling and Disposal Services with Hills Waste Solutions until 31 July 2017.

This was to enable the Council to maintain service delivery for residents, to comply with its statutory duties to collect and dispose of waste and to continue to progress towards achieving statutory targets until new contracts commence on 1 August 2017.

The Waste Service Changes task group will monitor the implementation of the council's Mobilisation Plans (for lots 2 and 5) preparing for the commencement in August 2017 of new contracts for waste collection and HRCs. The Associate Director Waste and Environment attended a meeting of the task group held on 31 March and provided an update on mobilisation for all five contracts (Lot 1 to Lot 5). This will be reflected in the report of the task group to the committee.