

Councillors Briefing Note No. 168

Service : Waste Management

Further Enquiries to: Vicki Harris

Date Prepared: November 2013

Direct Line: (01225) 718523

Future Delivery of Waste Services in Wiltshire - Update

On the 21 November the council's Cabinet considered a report on the high level specification of the waste services which will come into place in 2016 once the council has completed the current procurement project. This report also asked for Cabinet member's approval on how tenders will be evaluated.

Specification (detailed breakdown of our services and how we want them delivered)

The report focused on the areas in the specification that will be different to the services we currently deliver in Wiltshire. Cabinet have agreed these differences in the specification –

- The addition of mixed rigid plastics (e.g. margarine tubs, ice cream tubs, meat trays and yogurt pots) to the kerbside collection service.
- Contractors will tender for the collection of recycling co-mingled kerbside (mixed together) using existing blue lidded bins and a separate collection of glass using existing black boxes. We will also ask contractors to tender for the kerbside sort method that is currently used in Wiltshire, using existing bins.
- To harmonise the time taken to deliver new/replacement containers to residents. It is agreed that this should be a maximum of 10 working days.
- The contractor should be responsible for buying all waste and recycling containers and vehicles.
- The Council will stay responsible for communications and working with residents to encourage them to recycle, reuse and reduce as much of their waste as possible.
- There should be greater scope for the Council to get money from the sale of recycling through income sharing with the contractor.
- The introduction of open book accounting so the council only pays the contractor for changes that they can prove entails an additional cost. For example, additional assisted collections.
- Require the contractor to process more waste and recycling locally.

Evaluation of tenders

The council's Cabinet members have also decided how contractor's tender submissions should be evaluated and the successful contractor decided.

For the waste collection and household recycling centre contracts it was decided that 70% of the evaluation would be based on the price that has been submitted and 30% on the quality of their proposal.

For the other waste management contracts it was decided that 80% of the evaluation would be based on the price and 20% on the quality of their proposal.

Next Steps

We are currently working on developing the specification for each of the services we currently deliver, and would like to deliver in the future (as above).

Once this is completed, we will be inviting those contractors who have expressed an interest in delivering the services to complete a tender exercise. This invitation will be sent to contractors in January, with a return date in March.

It is important to note however that the council will continue to gather data and assess the costs of the in-house service. These costs can then be compared to any tenders that are submitted by contractors. This will mean that members can make an informed decision about the most cost effective service delivery for Wiltshire.