

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

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WASTE COLLECTION JOINT PROCUREMENT PROJECT

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the progress of the Joint Procurement Project.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Oxfordshire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) supports the joint procurement of collection contracts “where appropriate”.

3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 These are identified in the Enviro report referred to in previous reports to OWP.

4 Areas Affected

- 4.1 South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council.

5 Effect on Strategic Policies

- 5.1 Potential impacts on several policies but principally policies 12 and 14 of the JMWMS.

Policy 12 states that - The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership, working with the Waste Planning Authority, will ensure that waste facilities are suitably sized and distributed with the aim of minimising the transport of waste. Facilities will be well related to areas of population, given the environmental and amenity constraints, and the availability of suitable sites.

Policy 14 states that - The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership will develop methods of working together to improve the level of service through effective and efficient use of resources within Oxfordshire.

6 Options or Alternatives

- 6.1 The project is proceeding in line with published timescales. From the 15 Pre-Qualification Questionnaires submitted 9 companies were long-listed and invited to submit outline proposals. 2 companies decided not to participate, the remaining 7 submitted proposals which have been evaluated. 3 companies are to be short-listed and invited to submit detailed proposals. All 7 companies will be advised of the outcome of the outline proposal evaluation on 27th June and the short-list will be made public soon after this date.
- 6.2 A briefing session will be held for short-listed companies on 4th July to commence the detailed phase of the procurement. Subject to satisfactory progress detailed proposals will be received by 12 September and we are still on track to appoint the preferred contractor(s) before Christmas.

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- 6.3 The short-list enables the two Councils to pursue the option of a single contractor for both waste collection and street cleansing or one contractor for each service.
- 6.4 The e-tendering software provided by BravoSolution and hosted by West Midlands Centre of Excellence on a secure web-site has proved to be invaluable, speeding up the procurement process, simplifying the administration and provide a robust audit trail.
- 6.5 Both Councils continue to be able to manage the procurement entirely with their in-house resource. This would not have been possible without the e-tendering service referred to in 6.4.

Recommendations

- 7.1 This report is for information only.

8 Reasons for Recommendations

- 8.1 Not applicable

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