

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

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WASTE COLLECTION JOINT PROCUREMENT PROJECT

ITEM 10(b)

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 Enviros 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 South Cabinet and Vale Executive were unanimous in selecting a preferred contractor for a 7 year contract (with a 7 year option) for the provision of waste collection and street cleansing services for both Authorities, commencing June 2009 in South and Oct 2010 in the Vale. The identity of the contractor remains confidential until 12th January 2009. The Authorities agreed in principle that the preferred contractor should also provide the customer

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support function, an option which will be explored and closed off by the end of January 2009.

- 6.2 The preferred contractor and the 14 unsuccessful bidders were advised of the outcome on 22 December 2008. Under the Public Contracts Regs 2006 the decision is subject to a mandatory standstill until 9th January 2009.
- 6.3 In return for Improvement and Efficiency SE's support to the two Authorities, specifically the provision of third party consultants to validate the final tender submissions and the provision of a secure web site by BravoSoution for e-tendering, I will be putting together a final report on the procurement in February/March which will be available to the OWP.
- 6.4 The contract will enable the Authorities to significantly exceed their OWP targets, particularly for recycling, with the preferred contractor guaranteeing 50.6% recycling in South by end 2009/10 and 46.3% in Vale by end of 2010/11. The key strength of the preferred contractor is their recycling offer; delivering high levels of recycling, sorted and processed as locally as possible.
- 6.5 Key elements of the new collection service will be weekly single pass collections using dual bodied vehicles collecting food waste every week and recycle/refuse alternate weeks. The garden waste service will remain an optional service paid for by the resident and collected fortnightly.
- 6.6 The street cleansing service will be based around three tier support, with dedicated local teams in the market towns supported by area based mobile teams covering groups of adjacent villages and specialist fast response teams working across both Districts delivering specialist services such as fly-tip removal.
- 6.7 Press releases will be provided week commencing 12th January.

Recommendations

- 7.1 This report is for information only.

8 Reasons for Recommendations

- 8.1 Not applicable

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