

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 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 project is proceeding in line with published timescales. Three companies were short-listed, Verdant, Serco and Kier. Final tenders are due on the 27th October and each company will be presenting its proposals to the Joint Project Board and other senior politicians from both Councils on 29th October. Senior officers from both Councils, OWP, County and IESE will also attend.
- 6.2 We are still on track to appoint the preferred contractor(s) before Christmas, with South Cabinet meeting on 4 December and Vale on 5 December.
- 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.

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Recommendations

7.1 This report is for information only.

8 Reasons for Recommendations

8.1 Not applicable

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