

**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 A project update is attached at appendix 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 will be identified when the Business Case has been produced.

**4 Areas Affected**

- 4.1 This will be identified as an output from the research currently being carried out by Enviros (see section 6).

**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 There are three main options:
- I. No change (all authorities continue to source services independently);
  - II. The three Waste Collection Authorities (WCAs) with outsourced services enter into a joint contract;
  - III. All WCAs participate.

Main alternative – work regionally with the SE Centre of Excellence to develop regional framework agreements.

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### **7 Recommendations**

7.1 That the report be noted.

### **8 Reasons for Recommendations**

8.1 N/A

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### **APPENDIX 1 - WASTE COLLECTION JOINT PROCUREMENT UPDATE**

#### **1. PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

A Project Plan and Brief are in place. A Project Board meeting (comprising the relevant Directors from each collection authority) is taking place on the 18<sup>th</sup> May to review and approve the Brief.

#### **2. SCENARIO MODELLING**

The data analysis and scenario modelling by the consultants from Enviros is proceeding to timetable and their report should be with us in June. Amongst other things this will provide a risk assessment and business case for a joint procurement exercise. Three scenarios are being modelled – all 5 collection authorities proceed independently; all participate in a joint procurement exercise; and thirdly, only the three authorities currently with outsourced collection arrangements participate.

#### **3. DISCUSSIONS WITH SOUTH EAST CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

SECE are the national lead for waste. SECE are exploring the potential for the creation of regional framework agreements for waste services which any authority in the SE could access. They will be attending the next Project Board meeting to enable us to explore whether this is likely to benefit Oxon authorities or whether we should continue to proceed on the current basis. With South Oxon's current contract terminating in April 2009 SECE's ability to work to our deadlines is key.

#### **4. WASTE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENTS**

The project team were agreed that in moving this project forward we need to fully engage with the supply industry to ensure that in putting together our specifications and other documentation we are creating something which is deliverable and in line with industry developments. Initial discussions will be restricted to the three companies with whom Oxon authorities are currently contracted. One contractor meeting has been held so far and it is hoped the other two will take place by mid-June.

#### **5. COUNTY WASTE TREATMENT BOARD**

The project manager for the WCA joint procurement project now sits on the WTB to ensure effective tie in of the two projects.