

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 and Vale.

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 West, South and Vale were unable to agree key elements of the procurement and therefore the decision was taken for South and Vale to proceed alone. A European Journal Notice was placed in January covering two services – waste collection and street cleansing, which are being offered as two separate lots. The procurement is being project managed by the Vale using the Competitive Dialogue process (as used by County for the current Waste Treatment procurement).
- 6.2 The deadline for receipt of expressions of interest is 29th February and for receipt of Pre-Qualification Questionnaires 12:00 on 10th March. These will be assessed and ranked and companies successful at this stage will be invited to participate in the next stage – submission of outline proposals.

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- 6.3 Invitations and documentation for the next stage will be issued on 4th April and a supplier event is being organised for the 15th April to provide an overview to potential suppliers of requirements and the process.
- 6.4 For the rest of the process we will be using e-tendering software provided by Office of Government Commerce recommended provider BravoSolution. This software is used by Councils in the West Midlands and our site will be hosted by West Midlands Centre of Excellence. This will speed up the process, simplify the administration and provide a robust audit trail.
- 6.5 Ad hoc support to the project is being provided by South East Centre of Excellence, but this is limited and the two Councils are managing the project with their existing resources supported by the e-tendering software 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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