

Proposed Decision to be taken by the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) on or after 18 October 2019

Approval to Tender for Waste Management Contract

Recommendation

That the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) authorises the commencement of a procurement process and provides delegated authority for the Strategic Director for Communities to award the contract for reprocessing of mixed wood waste from the household waste recycling centres substantially as laid out in Section 2 and on terms and conditions acceptable to the Strategic Director for Resources.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 It is the responsibility of Warwickshire County Council, as the Waste Disposal Authority, to provide household waste recycling centres (HWRC) for members of the public. In 2018/19 the HWRCs handled in the region of 50,000 tonnes of municipal waste.
- 1.2 The Council manages 8 of the HWRCs in-house and has to have contracts in place for the re-use, recycling, recovery or disposal of waste materials brought to the site by the public and traders. Waste materials need to be managed in line with the waste hierarchy and in line with all appropriate legislation.

2.0 Wood Waste Contract

- 2.1 One of the waste materials the Council needs to have a reprocessing contract for is mixed waste wood, as this is one of the material streams brought to the site by the public and traders. The current contract expires in March 2020.
- 2.2 The initial contract term will be 2 years however the Authority reserves the right to extend the contract by further periods not exceeding 24 months.
- 2.3 Soft market testing with suppliers has been carried out to inform the structure of the new contract.
- 2.4 The Council will seek to procure a contract for the reprocessing of approximately 8000 tonnes of mixed wood waste so that it is recycled or recovered. The contract will not state a minimum or maximum tonnage.
- 2.5 If the Council were to landfill the mixed wood waste this would cost in the region of £865,000 per annum (£3,460,000 for four years).
- 2.6 The proposal is to have 2 Lots:

- Container provision, haulage and reprocessing of mixed wood waste from Warwickshire managed HWRCs.
- Reprocessing of mixed wood waste from Warwickshire managed HWRCs.

2.7 The lots will be used to assess whether it is more beneficial for the contractor to provide containers and/or haulage as part of the contract or whether this should be kept separate. Variant bids will also be accepted.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 The total cost of a four year contract for reprocessing, container hire and haulage based on existing costs is estimated to be in the region of £1,500,000.

3.2 The contract cost will be less if the container provision and haulage are kept separate.

4.0 Environmental Implications

4.1 When organic material such as wood is put into landfill, it is generally compacted down and covered. This removes the oxygen and causes it to break down in an anaerobic process. Eventually this releases methane, a greenhouse gas that is 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

4.2 The contract will ensure the mixed wood waste from the HWRCs continues to be recycled or recovered rather than landfilled.

5.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

5.1 The proposed draft timetable for the procurement is shown below:

Activity	Date
Tender published	Tuesday 29 th October 2019
Final date for clarification requests	Tuesday 19 th November 2019
Deadline for receipt of completed tenders	Thursday 28 th November 2019
Successful / unsuccessful applicants notified	Thursday 2 nd January 2020
Contract award confirmed	Monday 13 th January 2020
Contract commences	Wednesday 1 st April 2020

Background papers

Environmental Impact Assessment

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