

CABINET MEETING 15 JUNE 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

New Garden Waste Treatment Contract

Author(s):

Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of the report is to seek approval to procure and award a contract for the treatment of garden waste collected by the Council and to be managed through the South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership (STWWMP).

Description of Decision:

Cabinet is recommended to;

- i. approve the procurement and award of a contract for the Council's garden waste treatment to the supplier demonstrating the most economically advantageous tender by the STWWMP; and
- ii. authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for a Dynamic City and the Executive Director of Corporate Services to appoint the supplier and enter into the necessary contractual documents.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

***Yes**

If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The estimated annual contract value will exceed £250,000 for Sunderland. Whilst the contract is awarded by the STWWMP, formal approval by the constituent authorities is required. The procurement and award of a contract for garden waste treatment by STWWMP will deliver economies of scale for the participating councils and enable more efficient and effective contract management to be undertaken.

Alternative options to be considered:

The Council could procure a Garden Waste Treatment Contract itself. This was rejected as by doing so would lose the economies of scale by not participating with other councils.

Impacts analysed;

Equality ☒ Privacy ☒ Sustainability ☒ Crime and Disorder ☐

Is the Decision consistent with the Council's co-operative values? Yes	
Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution?	Yes
Is it included in the 28 day Notice of Decisions?	Yes

NEW GARDEN WASTE TREATMENT CONTRACT**Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods****1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek approval to procure and award a contract for the treatment of garden waste collected by the Council and to be managed through the South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership (STWWMP).

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet is recommended to;-
- i. approve the procurement and award of a contract for the Council's garden waste treatment to the supplier demonstrating the most economically advantageous tender by the STWWMP; and
 - ii. authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for a Dynamic City and the Executive Director of Corporate Services, to appoint the supplier and enter into the necessary contractual documents.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Council is a member of the STWWMP along with Gateshead and South Tyneside Councils. The STWWMP is responsible for arranging the treatment of the different types of waste materials the three councils collect, including the garden waste in our brown bins.
- 3.2 The Council's requirements for garden waste treatment are currently met through a contract with Remondis. The garden waste is delivered to a transfer station at Birtley, Gateshead from where it is transported to Codlaw Farm, Hexham where it is composted and turned into a soil conditioner.

4.0 Current Position

- 4.1 The current contract with Remondis commenced on 1st September 2016 and runs until 31st March 2022. This was for an initial 31 month period and included an option to extend for a further 36 months which was subsequently exercised. This contract expires in line with the wider partnership contract expiration dates.
- 4.2 The Council now needs to procure and award a new garden waste contract. The STWWMP will lead on the procurement of the new garden waste provider.
- 4.3 The procurement process will be developed and delivered through 2021 to secure a new provider from April 2022.

- 4.4 The new contract period is under review by the Partnership Officer Project Board. The early indications are that this will be a 4-year contract with an option to extend for a further 2 years. The Partnership Officer Project Board will discuss and agree the contract arrangements at its next meeting in July 2021.
- 4.5 Cabinet are requested to approve the procurement and award of the new Garden Waste Treatment Contract so that there is continued provision of these waste management services.
- 4.6 Under the Environmental Bill Garden Waste is one of the areas of required collections and this contract will ensure that it meets the needs of the Environmental Bill for Garden Waste. The Council will be considering the wider implications of the Environmental Bill at a future stage once the full implications are known as garden waste collections at this point in the consultation are identified as a free collection service to residents by the Council.

5.0 Reasons for the Decision

- 5.1 The estimated annual contract value will exceed £250,000 for Sunderland. Whilst the contract is awarded by the STWWMP, formal approval by the constituent authorities is required. The procurement and award of a contract for garden waste treatment by STWWMP will deliver economies of scale for the participating councils and enable more efficient and effective contract management to be undertaken

6.0 Alternative options to be considered:

- 6.1 The Council could procure a Garden Waste Treatment Contract itself. This was rejected as by doing so would lose the economies of scale by not participating with other councils

7. Impact Analysis

(a) Equalities -

An assessment of Equalities Impact will be undertaken as part of the tender evaluation. It is envisaged that the service will operate in the same way as currently provided under the contract let on its behalf by the STWWMP

- (b) Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) –** The proposal will not introduce any new PIA issues as systems of site management will be retained and followed by any contractor to ensure safe and legal disposal of property.

- (c) Sustainability –** The recommendations will allow the planning of any mitigating actions deemed necessary with regard to social, economic and environmental impacts.

- (d) Reduction of Crime and Disorder – Community Cohesion / Social Inclusion –** No impacts are anticipated from this decision.

8. Other Relevant Considerations / Consultations

- (a) **Co-operative Values** – There are no implications
- (b) **Financial Implications.** Provision for the annual cost of the delivery of a garden waste treatment service exists within the revenue budget. The costs of the contract will be met from this budget.
- (c) **Legal Implications** – The Assistant Director of Law and Governance has been consulted. Legally compliant procedures are being pursued.
- (d) **Health & Safety Considerations** – The tenders will be evaluated to ensure compliance with the Council's statutory health and safety obligations, as a client, procuring and managing waste contractors.
- (e) **Procurement** – The Corporate Procurement Team has been consulted on this proposal and agree to the procurement approach.
- (f) **Risk Analysis-** There are no significant risks arising out of the award of the contract

