

Update on Joint Waste Collection Contract

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| Portfolio | Community |
| Ward(s) Affected: | n/a |

Purpose

To provide an update on the joint waste collection contract

Background

1. At the meeting of the Executive on 3rd December 2013 it was resolved that the Council agrees to jointly procure a new waste collection and street cleansing contract with a number of other local authorities.
2. The initial partners are Elmbridge Borough Council, Mole Valley District Council, Surrey Heath Borough Council and Woking Borough Council. Other authorities may join at a later date if advantageous to the original four partners.
3. An Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) was entered into by the four partners and Surrey County Council as the Waste Disposal Authority. Governance is through a Joint Waste Contract Committee (JWCC) made up from relevant Portfolio Holders of the partner authorities with day to day management of the project delegated to an officer Joint Waste Project Group.
4. The IAA requires major decisions such as approval of the specification and award of the contract to be taken by individual Executives following detailed review and recommendation by the Joint Waste Contract Committee.
5. The draft specification which is based on Surrey Heath's current specification was approved by the Executive on 17th March 2015.
6. The partners are expecting that a joint waste contract will result in substantial financial savings; efficient use of resources (vehicles, depots, cross boundary working); a high quality services with excellent customer care; efficient and innovative use of ITC; and a seamless transition from the existing service.

Current Position

7. The pre-procurement work has been completed and the project has now entered the procurement stage. The JWCC has determined that procurement will be by way of competitive dialogue. Five contractors have passed through the pre-qualification stage and have been invited to participate in dialogue. This commenced on 9 September 2015 and will continue through September and October.

8. Once the competitive dialogue process has completed contractors will be invited to submit detailed solutions. There may be the need for further clarification at this stage. Final bids will be invited in early 2016.
9. The bids will be evaluated by an officer evaluation panel based on 50% Price and 50% Quality. Separate evaluation panels will be convened to consider these elements.
10. The evaluation panel will make a recommendation to the JWCC which in turn will recommend award of the contract to individual Council. It is anticipated that this will take place in September 2016.
11. The contract will be rolled out into partner authorities in phases from April 2017 to 2019. In Surrey Heath it will be rolled out in February 2018.

Resource Implications

12. The costs of procuring a contract of this size with procurement, legal and specialist advice are substantial. The Surrey Waste Partnership has contributed to over half of these costs leaving Individual authorities to each contribute £44,000. The approximate costs for procuring a single contract are estimated at £100,000

Recommendation

13. It is recommended that the scrutiny committee notes the update on the joint waste collection contract.

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