

Report to: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 3rd December 2018

Report Title: Joint Waste Contract Tenders

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Purpose of Report

To update Cabinet on the final phase of the East Sussex Joint Waste Contract procurement project, which was reported to the East Sussex Joint Waste and Recycling Committee at their meeting on 30th November 2018, where Hastings was represented by Councillors Chowney and Fitzgerald.

The report proposes that the Hastings Borough Council Cabinet should recommend that Full Council agree to the Joint Waste Partnership awarding the Waste Collection, Recycling Street and Beach Cleaning and Associated Services Contract to contractor A, as set out in the Joint Waste and Recycling Committee report of 30th November 2018 which is attached to the associated Part Two report.

Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet recommend that Full Council should approve:-

- 1) the appointment of Contractor A for the Waste Collection, Recycling, Street and Beach Cleaning and Associated Services Contract (excludes Street and Beach Cleaning and Bulky Household Waste Collection for Hastings BC);
- 2) that the Director of Operational Services in consultation with the Lead Councillor for Environment and Place and Equalities, be authorised to finalise details relating to the implementation of the contract and enter into contract with Contractor A;
- 3) the authorisation of the Lead Director of the Administering Authority of the joint waste project to notify Contractors of the intent to award the contract;
- 4) financial provision of £55,215 per annum (subject to regular review in line with costs) to fund the centralised partnership client costs;
- 5) financial provision to fund the Hastings proportion of the total contract price as set out in the Joint Waste and Recycling Committee report attached to the associated Part Two report, including allowance for adjustments at the start of the contract, and for ad-hoc requests and container purchases throughout the contract period;

- 6) that arrangements be made to inform residents about the collection system to be implemented from 29th June 2019;
- 7) provision be made for the review of customer service processes, enhancement of ICT systems and mobile equipment for council staff as necessary;
- 8) that suitable provision should be made for the client roles and liabilities under the contract.

Reasons for Recommendations

The recommendations are made based upon the results of the joint waste procurement process, which has been thorough and robust.

It is essential that there is continuity of service for the Council's refuse and recycling services when the current contract with Kier Environmental Services Ltd ends on 29th June 2019.

Introduction

1. On 17th July 2017 Cabinet considered a report called "Future Waste and Cleansing Services", and unanimously agreed the recommendations to:-
 - Commit to and participate in a joint waste services procurement with the East Sussex Joint Waste Partnership for new waste services from 29th June 2019; and
 - Develop arrangements for a potential in-house street and beach cleansing, bulky waste and fly tip removal service to operate in Hastings from 29th June 2019.
2. On 2nd July 2018 Cabinet considered a report called "Agreeing the Delivery Model for the Next Hastings Street Cleansing Service", and recommended that Full Council approve the proposal to provide the next street and beach cleansing, fly tip removal and bulky waste service through a new in-house direct service organisation. Full Council subsequently approved this recommendation.
3. The 2nd July Cabinet report also provided an update on the joint waste procurement process which was progressing well. That process has now almost concluded, having reached the final stage where a preferred bidder has been identified, and on the 30th November the East Sussex Joint Waste and Recycling Committee (JWRC) considered a report setting out an analysis of the 3 tenders and making a recommendation for contract award.
4. The JWRC report and associated appendices are attached to the Part Two report. The JWRC does not have authority to award the contract on behalf of each council and is therefore referring the recommendation for contract award to each cabinet. It is obviously important that the same conclusions are reached by each cabinet for all three councils to proceed with the contract.
5. For this council the decision to award the new contract is a matter for Full Council consideration. This report therefore proposes that cabinet should recommend that Full Council approves the recommendations set out above, to enable the Joint Waste Partnership to award the contract to Contractor A.

Other Considerations

6. As part of the overall waste services project management programme there are 14 individual work streams covering all aspects of the implementation of the new cleansing services DSO and the mobilisation of the new refuse and recycling contract.
7. There is a work stream focussed on communications with residents that is already planning the arrangements needed to inform residents about the collection system to be implemented from 29th June 2019.

8. There is also a work stream planning the review of customer service processes, enhancement of ICT system and mobile equipment for council staff monitoring the new contract. We are not aware of the need for any significant investment in new mobile equipment for our staff as the existing mobile devices should be sufficient. The underlying IT system used by contractor A is the same as the current contractor uses, so the broad approach will be the same, and is already known to us.
9. There are other work streams focussed on the demobilisation of the existing Kier contract and the handover of council assets to the incoming contractor, and the TUPE transfer of Kier staff to the incoming contractor, the new Hastings DSO, and the new Eastbourne 'Teckal' arms-length company.

Financial Implications for the council (as advised by the Chief Finance Officer)

10. The financial implications for these proposals are included in Part Two due to the commercially sensitive nature of the information.

Wards Affected

All Wards

Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

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| Equalities and Community Cohesiveness | No |
| Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17) | No |
| Risk Management | No |
| Environmental Issues | No |
| Economic/Financial Implications | Yes |
| Human Rights Act | No |
| Organisational Consequences | No |
| Local People's Views | No |
| Anti-Poverty | No |

Additional Information

Contained in the associated Part Two report on this agenda.

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