

Report to the Council

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 24 July 2007

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Mrs M Sartin

Item: 10(e)

1. APPOINTMENT OF WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE PROVIDER

Recommending:

That, in accordance with the recommendations of the Waste Management Contract Appointments Panel:

(a) Sita UK be appointed as the Council's waste management service provider with effect from 5 November 2007 for five years in the sum of £4,427,958 per annum; and

(b) the level of service for residual waste collections be:

(i) a 22 week period of weekly collections from May to September; and

(ii) a 30 week period of alternate weekly collections from October to April.

Background

- 1.1 Following the failure of the previous waste management service provider in April 2006, these services have been provided by Cory Environmental Municipal Services (CEMS). Attempts to formulate a longer-term contractual arrangement with CEMS were unfortunately not successful and the services have been provided on an "open book" basis.
- 1.2 As a result, the Council embarked on a procurement exercise, overseen by a Portfolio Holder Advisory Group, with key decisions of the select list and nature of the contract and specification being made by the Cabinet.
- 1.3 This process culminated on 5 July 2007 when four prospective service providers attended the Waste Management Contract Appointments Panel.

Panel Appointment Process

- 1.4 The role of the Panel was to:
 - (a) note the officer assessment and recommended order of preference;
 - (b) give consideration to the content and quality of bidder presentations;

(c) give consideration to the bidders' responses to the set questions and any clarification questions; and

(d) make an overall assessment as to whether the company could provide the services outlined within their tender bid.

- 1.5 The Panel then reconsidered the officer assessment outcome in the light of what they had heard to determine whether the officer evaluation outcome should be endorsed or changed.

Panel Outcome

- 1.6 Both the original officer assessment and the Panel's assessment scored Sita UK as the preferred bidder for both a 22 week weekly/30 week alternate weekly residual collection service and a 52 week weekly residual collection service.

- 1.7 The Panel's assessment was based on the fact that Sita had clearly demonstrated the ability to deliver the services required by the Council, to a high standard. They had also put forward sustainable changes to service delivery, which would enhance the service levels and recycling performance.

- 1.8 The Panel then considered the level of residual service to be provided. Given that the present summer collection arrangements were operating satisfactorily, and the need to safeguard the Council's current top quartile performing recycling service, the Panel concluded that the interests of the Council and its residents would best be served through the retention of the present arrangements. The Panel proposed, therefore, that the service should be let on the basis of a 30 week alternate weekly residual collection and a 22 week weekly residual collection.

Conclusions

- 1.9 We agree with the views of the Waste Management Contract Appointments Panel and recommend as set out at the commencement of this report.