

Report of the Contracts Manager

Contracts and Operations Update**SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on the Authority's various waste treatment arrangements.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1) *The Authority is asked to note the information within this report and the verbal updated provided at the meeting.*

1. Introduction – The waste treatment contracts managed by WLWA deliver Policy 6 of the Authority's Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy - "West London Waste Authority and constituent boroughs will seek a residual waste management solution in accordance with the waste hierarchy that presents value for money and offers reliability in the long term".

2. West London Residual Waste Services Contract: Since the January Authority meeting the full services have continued to bed down successfully. There have been lessons learnt in a few areas e.g.

a) low winds (8mph) from a specific direction caused the stacks (chimneys) to oscillate at the Severnside Energy Recovery Centre (SERC). This resulted in the facility being shutdown for a week whilst the issue was investigated by EPC contractor HZI and their sub-contractor to identify if the oscillations were within design parameters. At the time of writing we are still awaiting the results of this investigation, but interim measures have been put in place to ensure there is no reoccurrence in the meantime.

b) the amount of bulky and metal waste being delivered in the kerbside collection vehicles from the household waste stream is potentially damaging to the plant and causes shut downs to extract the items. An education campaign has been put in place to ensure that bulky waste items such as; white goods, 1100 litre Euro bins, mattresses, gas bottles etc. do not end up getting tipped directly into the bunker at Victoria Road and into containers at Transport Avenue. The shut downs cost money and has knock on impacts on the efficiency of the transfer stations. SUEZ, working with the boroughs, are educating the collection round drivers to ensure they tip their vehicles into the bulky sheds if they have collected any bulky items. The bulky waste items can then be shredded or extracted. This will optimise our use of SERC and reduce the likelihood of any unexpected shutdowns going forward.

3. Waste wood service update: Officers have explored the options available for either extending or re-procuring the current waste wood contract with Stobart Biomass Limited which terminates on the 31st March 2017. Negotiations are still progressing at present and contingency arrangement are in place to ensure there is no impact on the service delivery to the borough Household Re-use and Recycling Centres.

4. Mattress recycling update: Members may be aware that the current mattress recycling contract with Matt UK Limited was due to terminate on 31st March 2017. In line the recommendation from the Authority meeting on 18th March 2016 the Director has used her authorisation to exercise the extension option for this contract. The mattress recycling contract will now terminate on the 31st March 2019.

5. Risk – Any risks associated with a contract are recorded on the Authority’s risk register. This is reviewed monthly by the WLWA Officers and reported to the Audit Committee.

6. Financial Implications – The approved 2017/18 budget includes rate increases.

7. Staffing Implications – There are no direct staffing issues arising from this report.

8. Health and Safety Implications – None

9. Legal Implications - None

10. Joint Waste Management Strategy Implications - The contracts mentioned in this report meet the Authority’s Joint Waste Management Strategy polices listed below:

Policy 5: West London Waste Authority and its constituent Boroughs will reduce biodegradable municipal waste landfilled with regard to the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme.

Policy 6: West London Waste Authority and constituent Boroughs will seek a residual waste management solution in accordance with the waste hierarchy, that presents value for money and that offers reliability in the long term.

Policy 7: The West London Waste Authority and constituent Boroughs will seek to provide waste management services that offer good value, that provide customer satisfaction and that meet and exceed legislative requirements.

Policy 8: The West London Waste Authority and constituent Boroughs will work together to achieve the aims of this strategy and are committed to share equitably the costs and rewards of achieving its aims

Background Papers	None
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