

Contracts Update

SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1) *The Authority is asked to note the information within this report.*

1. Introduction

The waste treatment contracts managed by WLWA have delivered a residual waste management solution in accordance with the waste hierarchy that presents value for money and offers long-term reliability. New and existing procurements will deliver Policy 8 of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy "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".

2. West London Residual Waste Services Contract

The contract is operating well. Severnside Energy Recovery Centre (SERC) has an overall equipment effectiveness of almost 90%, which is considered highly effective and is one of the best performing plants in the Suez portfolio. The plant has also had its longest run of operation without a blockage caused by non-conforming items, with both lines having over 100 days each. After just after 3 years of use including the commissioning period, toward the end of April SERC is expecting to receive its millionth tonne of waste.

On 1st March the site and Authority hosted a visit of local ward members to Transport Avenue. All three members received a site tour and showed a lot of interest in the site, its strategic importance to local infrastructure and service delivery. Further visits can be organised for both locations, upon request.

New train routes – The route the trains take from both waste transfer stations (WTS) to SERC are negotiated with Network Rail twice a year, changes are not always made but the routes need to be applied for every 6 months as part of the Network Rail rolling 18 month programme. The current routes are guaranteed until May 2019, in February Suez received notification that the route (pathway) will change in May 2019 due to extra passenger trains being operated through Southall Junction. This new proposal is being reviewed to understand the implications for the transfer of waste.

With crossrail and the proposed Golden Mile station next to Transport Avenue the demand for use of the pathways from other sources is going to continue to increase.

Continuous improvement projects – A new project has been identified around damaged and missing train wagons impacting the number of tonnes being sent out on each train. Suez is planning to work with DB Cargo (the contractor operating the trains) to ensure better communication and procedures to bring the wagons back in to use faster.

3. Food, green waste and mixed organics waste contract

All contracts are performing well. In February, members visited the BioCollector's facility in Mitcham which included the delivery of food waste from west London.

4. Procurements Update

Below is a summary of the procurements that are out to tender:

MRF – The Project Report sets out the update for this procurement.

DPS – The initial DPS pre-qualification stage closed on 13th February. Thirteen suppliers applied by the deadline and ten of these companies have been pre-approved for the offtake of materials and services. Non-compliant suppliers can reapply at any future stage. The Authority is working closely with potential suppliers to raise awareness of the DPS opportunity. The DPS will be used to tender mini competitions from the 8th March 2019 and specifications are currently being drawn up for the treatment and recycling of mattresses, recycling of metals and paper/card from HRRC sites.

Mattress recycling – The existing contract has been extended for a further three months until the end June 2019. Officers will explore alternative models for collection of mattresses to identify methods of reducing vehicle movements, increasing loaded weights and therefore reducing cost. The results will inform the new procurement.

Abandoned Vehicles – Following evaluation of the submitted tenders the Director, Chief Technical Officer and Chair have awarded the Contract to Redcorn Limited. Officers are currently working with Redcorn to mobilise the contract in time for a 8th April contract commencement date. The contract shall run for a period of three years with an option for the Authority to extend for up to two years. The contract will see up to 85% of the vehicle materials recycled or 95% re-used, recycled or recovered, in line with the End of Life Vehicles Directive

5. Risk - Any risks are contained within the report.

6. Financial Implications - None.

7. Staffing Implications - None.

8. Health and Safety Implications - None

9. Legal Implications - None.

10. Joint Waste Management Strategy Implication

The contracts mentioned in this report meet the Authority's Joint Waste Management Strategy polices. The only policy yet to be delivered is Policy 3: Jointly the WLWA and constituent boroughs will aim to recycle and compost at least 50% of municipal waste by 2020. At the request of Borough Environment Directors WLWA Officers are pursuing opportunities to increase recycling without increasing cost. This requires all residual waste to be delivered to the WLWA contracts and for recycling to be extracted pre-waste. Further information on initiatives to increase recycling can be found in the Operations, Projects and Waste Minimisation reports.

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