

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. The busy Easter and May bank holiday period was managed effectively, with the sites operating within their limits.

New train pathways

At the last West London Authority Meeting it was raised that Network Rail were offering Suez's rail haulier two fewer train services a week between the Severnside Energy Recovery Centre (SERC) and the Transport Avenue waste transfer station. This would mean that this site would not receive a train on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 20 May 2019.

Since the issue was identified, Suez has worked closely with its haulier DB Cargo and with Network Rail to secure more regular train paths in the short, medium and long term. As a result of this work, Network Rail has identified a new pathway that allows Suez to decide at short notice which of the two sites will receive a train on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suez is confident that this increased flexibility will enable it to control the risks and deliver the required level of service from both sites.

The new train pathways have been in use since 20 May without causing any operational issues. Suez continues to take measures to increase the haulage capacity of the trains and increase the sites' capabilities for storing waste and empty containers. Suez is also working on securing more regular train pathways going forwards and has developed its bid for the next timetable which starts in December 2019.

SERC outage

The SERC will be going through a phased shutdown so that planned maintenance can take place. The facility has two 'lines', each of which is able to combust waste and generate steam independently. The first line will be shut down on 26 June until 16 July and the second line will be closed between 9 July and 29 July. There is a one week overlap between 9 July and 16 July when both lines are off.

During the shutdown period, the SERC will be able to process less waste than normal. This means that more will be sent to Lakeside. Suez is also identifying alternative destinations for some of the waste, with a focus on avoiding landfill wherever possible.

3. Food, green waste and mixed organics waste contract

All contracts are performing well. Annual review contract meetings took place in May for all food, green waste and mixed organics contractors; BioCollectors, West London Composting and Countrystyle.

4. Abandoned Vehicles

This contract commenced on the 8th April and is operating well. Redcorn Limited are responsive to requests submitted by the Boroughs and are delivering upon their KPIs. WLWA is working closely with all Boroughs to improve internal processes and ensure smooth delivery of the service.

5. Procurements Update

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

MRF – Following the Resources and Waste Strategy consultations, there is some instability in the municipal dry recycling market. Officers have initiated further soft market testing to investigate and test the long-term approach needed to deliver the Boroughs' objectives. A short-term interim solution will be procured for participating Boroughs and more Boroughs will be able to join from the beginning of the long term project.

Dynamic Procurement System (DPS) – The DPS enables WLWA to quickly and efficiently tender contracts because contractors only have to go through one qualification process to get on to the system and bid for contracts. To date there have been two qualification rounds (round three is currently open to applicants) and there are fourteen pre-approved suppliers on the DPS. Non-compliant suppliers can reapply at any future stage. WLWA is working on adding additional suppliers to the DPS.

Mattress recycling - The current contract will be extended at the end of June 2019 to continue to trial alternative options for bulking and transporting mattresses for recycling.

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

7. Financial Implications - None.

8. Staffing Implications - None.

9. Health and Safety Implications - None

10. Legal Implications - None.

11. Joint Waste Management Strategy Implication

The contracts mentioned in this report meet the Authority's Joint Waste Management Strategy policies.

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