

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

10th July 2009

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL AND WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL JOINT TENDER/MARKET TEST

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide a brief update to OWP on the two joint tendering exercises being undertaken by Oxford City and West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) for the collection of refuse and recycling and the onward options for dealing with dry recyclate.

2. Background

- 2.1 Oxford City Council has decided to market test their refuse and recycling collection services and WODC is aiming to have their next contract in place for a start date of 6th October 2010. It was therefore agreed that we would carry out the tender exercise jointly.

Oxford City also needs to put in place new arrangements for the onward transmission of dry recyclates and agreed that there could be both financial savings and the opportunity to leverage a better solution by working with WODC who were also going to the market to source a new solution.

The two tenders for collection and the onward transmission of the dry recyclates is being run as two tenders with each Councils requirements offered as separate lots.

3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 The project is still moving forward and we will be at the mid-point with detailed solution options in about a month's time for dry recyclate options.

There are still seven tenderers bidding for this tender and four tenderers bidding for the collection tender.

Oxford City is evaluating Invitation to Submit Outline Solutions (ISOS) for collection and will send out invitations to submit detailed solutions (ITDS) documents in the next two weeks.

Oxford City is market testing but if the Council decides to award a contract this would result in the current in-house service being subject to Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment (TUPE).

WODC's Invitation to Submit Detailed Solutions (ITDS) submission date for the Materials Reclamation Facility (MRF) and Bulking tender is the 29th June and the evaluation process will run through July and August.

Competitive dialogue meetings with the 'long list' suppliers for the WODC Waste Collection tender will continue throughout June, July and August with a deadline for the submission of ISDS set for the 14th August.

4 Areas Affected

- 4.1 West Oxfordshire and possibly Oxford City.

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5 Effect on Strategic Policies

- 5.1 All the objectives and targets referenced under the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership's Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) are integral to the procurement process and contract documentation.

6 Options or Alternatives

- 6.1 Oxford City is also working on an aggressive in-house service improvement plan supported by Apse. The in-house teams improved position will be used as the comparator against the final tender bids. All collection tenderers are fully aware of Oxford City Council's plan to do this.

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 This report is for information.

8 Reasons for Recommendations

- 8.1 N/A

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