

EX116. Residual Waste Contract Strategy

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Place Services which set out the proposed contract strategy for the procurement of a new residual waste contract in line with Council Contract Standing Order 6.2(ii) relative to major contracts.

Falkirk Council was the waste collection authority and the waste disposal authority under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and as such required to have in place proper arrangements including for the disposal of residual waste. Residual waste was the waste that was left after segregation processes to take out for example recyclable materials. The residual waste was approximately 38,000 - 40,000 tonnes per annum.

Falkirk Council was collaborating with Perth and Kinross, Stirling and Clackmannanshire Councils in the development of contract strategies and in the procurement process. This was supported by Scottish Government via Zero Waste Scotland who had commissioned specialist technical support and advice.

The technical advice and soft market testing supported a relatively long term contract of 10 years with the option for up to a further 5 years. The contract would include detailed contract change provisions to account for market or regulatory changes during the period. The estimated annual contract value was estimated at £5m.

Residual waste would be presented to the market in two Lots. Lot 1 being black bag waste – kerbside collections and Lot 2 being bulky waste e.g. carpets, mattresses. Separate Lots had resulted as not all treatment solutions could accommodate bulky waste items. As the Council did not own/operate a Waste Transfer facility, a requirement was to enable collected waste to be delivered immediately post collection, by Council vehicles, to the treatment facility.

Tender documentation and tender evaluation criteria were being finalised with a weighting based on price 70% and quality 30% being proposed. The quality criteria and weightings proposed were:-

- Deliverability of solution – facility plan and readiness to divert waste from landfill (30%)
- Landfill Diversion and Environmental Performance(15%)
- Waste reception and vehicle interface (10%)
- Monitoring and reporting of contract waste (10%)
- Contingency arrangements (10%)
- Environmental management and compliance (5%)
- Carbon management (10%)
- Fair Work First and Community Benefits (10%).

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) approved the contract strategy for the procurement of a residual waste treatment solution as outlined in section 4 of the report with an initial term of 10 years and an option to extend for up to a further 5 years, and**
- (2) delegated to the Director of Place Services the scope to make appropriate changes to the contract strategy as circumstances develop, and where the changes were considered material, to do so in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leaders of the main Opposition Groups.**