

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Appointment of consultants to develop and deliver a countywide public consultation on future options for the waste collection service
Date of decision:	2 November 2020
Decision maker:	Assistant Director of Regulatory, Environment & Waste
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>A cabinet member decision to commission the work and to delegate authority to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the scheme was taken on 26 October 2020.</p> <p>This decision report approved that:</p> <p>Consent be given for expenditure up to the value of £75,000 is allocated from the council's waste revenue reserves to the Economy & Place Directorate's revenue budget for 2020/21 to award a tender and include expenditure required for resources to allow the council to carry out an effective and engaging consultation on the future of its Waste Management Service;</p> <p>Subject to the provisions of the Financial Procedure rules, the Assistant Director for Regulatory, Environment and Waste be authorised to take all operational decisions required to implement the above recommendations.</p> <p>https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=50034903&Opt=0</p>
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	Cabinet Member for Commissioning, Procurement and Assets, Cabinet Member for Finance, Head of Environment, Climate Emergency & Waste, Waste Operations Team Leader and Commercial Services.
Decision made:	Following the outcome of the procurement process undertaken in accordance with the council's contract procedure rules to appoint M. E. L. Research to undertake the Waste Services Consultation at a total cost of £18,950.
Reasons for decision:	<p>The council's existing waste collection and disposal arrangements are due to expire at the end of 2023 and start of 2024 respectively. There is an option to extend our joint disposal (Waste Management Services) contract by up to 5 years to January 2029. This would also extend our partnership arrangements with Worcestershire County Council. There is no further extension option for the Waste Collection Contract which will expire in November 2023.</p> <p>On 28th September 2020, a cross party Waste Task and Finish group of General Scrutiny Committee made a number of recommendations following a review of future options for the Waste Management service.</p> <p>A key recommendation of this review was to undertake a public consultation to obtain their views on the proposed options (2 and 3) for waste collections.</p>

	The procurement process was undertaken in line with the Council's contract procedure rules with support from the Commercial Services Team.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The cost of £18,950 will be met through the use of the approved allocation of £75,000 from the Council's waste reserves which has been allocated for both the appointment of consultants and also the development of required resources to allow the council to carry out an effective and engaging consultation.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>Do nothing - This is not an option as the current waste collection arrangements are due to expire in November 2023 and there is no further extension option. The future waste collection arrangements will have a significant implication on future waste disposal arrangements.</p> <p>Not to undertake a public consultation – This option has been discounted as public acceptance is essential to the successful delivery of future services. The public consultation will also support the development and roll out of the future service as it will help to consider the different practical implications and approaches to each service option for different housing types, such as flats and communal developments</p>
Details of any declarations	None

Signed

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