

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Appointment of a consultancy service to develop an integrated Waste Management Strategy.
Date of decision:	16 July 2021
Decision maker:	Chief Finance Officer
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>The authority for the specified officer to take this decision is set out in the cabinet report approved on the 5 February 2021.</p> <p>https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=7589</p> <p>The Cabinet Decision approved:</p> <p>To authorise initial expenditure up to the value of £250,000 to enable the Waste Transformation team to procure waste management options appraisals, specialist procurement advice and specialist technical advice as required for both the waste collection and waste disposal services, to enhance the successful design, contract renewal and delivery of the new services over the next 3 years.</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 Resource Futures Ltd to deliver the integrated Waste Management Strategy at a total cost of £14,187.
Reasons for decision:	To assist the council in the development of the New Integrated Waste Management Strategy
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The cost of £14,187 will be met through the use of the approved allocation of £250,000 from the Council's waste reserves which has been allocated for both the appointment of consultants and also the development of required resources.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>Do nothing - This is not an option as the current waste disposal and collection arrangements are due to expire in November 2023/24 so this is an opportunity for the waste management service to produce a new strategy and design new services to achieve the new targets that are presented in the strategy. If the service does nothing it will also not be responding to the recommendations as outlined in the work of the task and finish group. The waste collection and disposal services are a statutory service that the council have to provide so therefore it is not an option to do nothing.</p> <p>To not commission Resource Futures - this will mean that the council have to revert to the old joint strategy document shared with Worcestershire where the targets are out of date and not in line with the councils aspirations in the County Plan and in response to new legislation and the climate and ecological emergency.</p>

Details of any declarations of interest made:	None Recorded
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Signed:
Andrew Lovegrove, Chief Finance Officer

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