

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Appointment of a consultancy service to undertake a soft market testing exercise for Waste Management
Date of decision:	8 December 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:	Interim Service Director – Highways, Environment & Waste, Interim Delivery Director, Head of Environment, Climate Emergency & Waste, Waste Operations Team Leader and Commercial Services.
Decision made:	To appoint SLR Consultancy to develop and deliver a waste management soft market testing exercise at a total cost of £3,850.
Reasons for decision:	The findings of the soft market test exercise will inform and assist the future procurement of the Council's new preferred waste collection model.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The cost of £3,850 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:	Not to undertake a soft market testing exercise – this is not recommended as a soft market test will help to inform, shape and ensure value for money on the procurement process for the new waste collection service.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed

Date: 8 December 2021

Andrew Lovegrove
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