

Procurement of New Waste Contract Service Report

Meeting: Cabinet

Meeting date: Thursday 5 October 2023

Cabinet member: Harry Bramer, Community Services & Assets

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Supplementary information

Please note that a Political Group Consultation took place on 2nd October 2023 and the main areas of discussion are summarised below:

- The Green Party raised concerns about barriers to procurement (in general) for smaller companies
- The Green Party asked whether the phased approach means that the new services would now not be until 2026 and then asked how long it would take to implement.
- The Conservatives questioned as to what effects the changes would have on recycling rates and to the percentage of waste to landfill as well as any impact on CO2 emissions and net zero ambitions.
- The Conservatives asked about garden waste and the continuance of still being able to take to the household recycling centres and this remaining to be free.
- The Liberal Democrats asked what the impacts on disposal tonnages would be of the phased approach of the new service.
- The Liberal Democrats asked about how the new services beginning in September 2024 would improve efficiencies (fleet) through the new contract.
- The Liberal Democrats queried why the introduction of a dedicated food waste collection service has been possible by other local authorities and whether there is any learning from them for its introduction here.
- The Independents for Herefordshire noted disappointment that there appears to be roll back from the ambitions of the previous administration and that there were bolder ambitions than what are being aimed for now.
- The Independents for Herefordshire queried the status of the Soil in the City” project.