

Procurement of New Waste Contract Service Report

Meeting: Cabinet

Meeting date: Thursday 25th January 2024

Cabinet member: Harry Bramer Community Services & Assets

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Supplementary information

A Political Group Consultation took place on 23rd January 2024 and the main areas of discussion are summarised below:

- The Conservatives asked about the public acceptance for the food waste element of the enhanced services.
- The Independents for Herefordshire asked how the new collection vehicles for the standard service would be utilised as part of the future transition to the enhanced services.
- The Independents for Herefordshire asked about the legal assurance for the procurement of the new service.
- The Independents for Herefordshire welcomed the recent introduction of the new e-permits for CVT permits used by those with Commercial vehicles and trailers to access the HRCs.
- The Independents for Herefordshire asked about the garden waste element of the enhanced service and whether this would be composted.
- The Independents for Herefordshire asked if soft plastics would be part of the collections under the enhanced service.
- The Independents for Herefordshire queried why the introduction of the enhanced elements of the new contract have been possible by other local authorities.
- The Independents for Herefordshire queried the status of the Soil in the City project.
- The Green Party asked about the garden waste element of the enhanced service and noted that there is an existing third party commercial service currently in operation.
- The Green Party noted frustration that the current green waste sack collection service is currently disposed by Energy from Waste and not through composting.

- The Green Party asked about the flexibility within the new contract to enable the future elements of the enhanced services.
- The Liberal Democrats asked for assurance that the recommendations from Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny Committee have been considered.
- The Liberal Democrats asked whether there was potential for third sector engagement and to maximise the opportunity for re-use and recycling as part of the new contract.