

DECISION RECORD ¹

Officer Key Decisions are subject to the Council's Call-In Procedure (Annex 9 of the Council's Constitution) **Council's Constitution**

Subject:

(Please use the same title as provided in the Forward Plan)

Staff Contact: Matthew King
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Executive Member: Terry Hone

Portfolio: Community Safety & Waste
Management

1. **Decision ²**

To award the contract for the provision of bulking and transfer arrangements for Local Authority Collected Waste to FCC Environment Limited.

2. **Reasons for the decision ³**

Hertfordshire County Council In its role as the Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) is responsible for the disposal of LACW collected by Hertfordshire's district and borough councils in their role as the Waste Collection Authorities (WCAs). With the exception of mixed recyclable wastes, which are currently retained by the WCA, the WDA arranges for the disposal/treatment of waste through a number of contracts. Residual waste disposal points within or close to Hertfordshire are limited and In order to secure best value for money a range of disposal/treatment contracts have been procured. These contracts are with disposal/treatment facilities located in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Cambridgeshire.

Waste Transfer Stations (WTS) are an important aspect of the waste management process for LACW as they enable waste to be bulked prior to transportation to the point of disposal/treatment, mitigating costs to the WDA and WCAs. Waste bulking enables efficient haulage to be achieved and reduces the cost of waste transfer and its environmental impact.

Two WTSs are used by the WDA. The Waterdale Transfer Station, owned by the council, currently receives residual LACW from seven of the ten WCAs and is therefore of significant strategic importance to the WDA and the Hitchin Transfer Station is leased by the council to serve northern Hertfordshire. Both WTSs are operated on behalf of the WDA by Contractors who also provide waste haulage to the point of disposal.

Following a competitive procurement process designed to achieve best value, FCC Environment Limited has been awarded this Contract based on their Variant Tender. The Variant Tender from FCC Environment Limited proposed alterations to the current operational model which was advantageous to the council in terms of the tendered price and quality of service provision proposed.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected ⁴

An alternative option would be to not provide WTSs and direct the WCAs to directly deliver waste to the point of disposal. This would significantly increase the journey time for the WCA to the point of disposal and therefore would increase the number of collection vehicles required to provide their service. The transport subsidy (a statutory contribution made towards waste collection) payable to the WCA by the WDA would also increase significantly.

The option of not providing WTS has been rejected as they are an important aspect of the waste management process for LACW. WTSs enable waste to be bulked prior to transportation to the point of disposal/treatment, resulting in savings and efficiencies for the WDA and WCA. Bulking waste also reduces the environmental impact of waste disposal.

4. Consultation

(a) Comments of Executive Member ^{5 6}

I am in agreement with the decision to award the contract to FCC Environment Limited.

(b) Comments of other consultees ⁷

5. Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

Signed:

Title: & AGEMENT
RCE PLANNING Date: 12 / 12 / 18

6. Copies of agreed document to:

- All consultees
- All members of the County Council (Democratic Services to send)
- Hard & electronic copy (for public inspection both at County Hall and on hertfordshire.gov.uk) to the Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall; democratic.services@hertfordshire.gov.uk

¹ Please refer to the Call-in and Contract Award Process for officers to determine if notice on this decision record for successful and unsuccessful bidders is exempt information and is therefore subject to inclusion in Annex 'A'

² If this decision relates to the award of contract, please provide a summary of the evaluation process and reasons for the award of contract to the successful bidder.

³ for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions"

⁴ details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

⁵ record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without taking advice from the Chief Legal Officer

⁶ If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of The Council will need to be consulted