

Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.

B099/22

OFFICER DECISION RECORD ⁱ

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Subject: To enter into a Construction Contract through the Property Works Framework for the construction of a new shredding building and associated works for the Waterdale Transfer Station

Type of Decision: Executive

Key Decision (Executive Functions only): Yes

Executive Member/Committee Chairman: Eric Buckmaster

Portfolio (Executive Functions only): Environment

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1. Decision

To enter into a call-off contract through the Property Works Framework with the successful contractor for the construction of a new shredding building and associated works for the Waterdale Transfer Station.

2. Reasons for the decision

There is a clear need to shred bulky waste prior to its transfer to an out of county disposal/treatment facility to ensure that the waste can be appropriately disposed of taking into account financial and sustainability considerations, including the Council's zero waste to landfill ambitions. Development of a dedicated shredding building will enable greater whole system cost efficiencies, provide much needed resilience in operations and provide additional benefits to the local community.

The successful contractor has/are working with the Council on other projects and have been fully engaged in identifying the construction requirements and associated costs. They have also undertaken rigorous scrutiny of the construction programme and project to be as certain as is possible that the price identified for construction of the project is realistic.

Use of the Property Works Framework ensures that overall project management costs have been competitively tendered through the framework itself, whilst the main construction costs are procured separately by the contractor using an open book approach ensuring that best value is achieved from the supply chain.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected

In order to meet the Council's ambition to send zero waste to landfill by 2030 bulky waste must be treated so that it is acceptable at Energy Recovery Facilities. This could be done by the disposal contractors but at a significant additional cost. Furthermore, due the nature of bulky waste transportation payloads are much lower increasing the number of vehicles required to transport the waste to end disposal points with associated additional costs and negative carbon footprint impact.

As noted above, development of a dedicated shredding building will enable greater whole system cost efficiencies, provide much needed resilience in operations and provide additional benefits to the local community.

A number of procurement routes have been explored for the construction of waste infrastructure in Hertfordshire including the Scape Framework which was the route chosen for the Eastern Transfer Station. However, the Waste Management Unit are keen to explore other construction routes and identified that the existing Property Works Framework would allow for a call-off for construction of a facility of this type. The successful contractor has worked for the Council previously and therefore their compliance with the Property Framework, and track record and knowledge of the Council makes them an ideal partner for this construction project.

4. Consultation (see Summary of Requirements below)

Was any Councillor consulted? **Yes** (delete as applicable)

If yes:

(a) Comments of Executive Member

I am content with the decision.

(b) Comments of other consultees

N/A

5. Any conflict of interest declared by a councillor who has been consulted in relation to the decision

N/A

6. Following consultation with the Executive Member I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

Signed: Matthew King

Title: Head of Waste Management

Date: 24/01/2024

Copies of record to:

- All consultees
- hard & electronic copy (if required to be made available for public inspection) to Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.ⁱⁱ

Summary of Requirements to Inform/Consult Councillors

Significance of Proposed Action	Controversial	Relevant Councillor(s) to be Consulted
Technical/Professional/	No	No need to inform or consult councillors

Routine		
Technical/Professional/ Routine	Yes	<p>Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions: Relevant Committee Chairman and, where appropriate, Local Councillor</p>
Local	No	<p>Executive Functions: Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions: Inform Local Councillor</p>
Local	No	<p>Executive Functions: Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions: Consult Local Councillor</p>
General or County-wide	No	<p>Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s)</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman</p>
General or County-wide	No	<p>Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) and the Leader of the Council</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman/Leaders all Political Groups</p>