

## Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.

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### OFFICER DECISION RECORD <sup>i</sup>

Officer Key Decisions are subject to the Council's Call-In Procedure (Annex 9 of the Council's Constitution <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/freedom-of-information-and-council-data/open-data-statistics-about-hertfordshire/who-we-are-and-what-we-do/who-we-are-and-what-we-do.aspx>)

**Subject:** Provision of food waste treatment services from 2024 and 2025:  
Proposed award of contract

**Type of Decision:** Executive

**Key Decision (Executive Functions only):** Yes

**Executive Member/Committee Chairman:** Eric Buckmaster

**Portfolio (Executive Functions only):** Environment

**Officer Contact:** Matthew King

**Tel:** 01992 556207

#### 1. Decision

To enter into a contract with the successful bidders for the provision of food waste treatment services for 2024 and 2025.

## 2. Reasons for the decision

Hertfordshire County Council, in our role as the Waste Disposal Authority, are responsible for arranging the disposal for all waste (including food waste) collected by the Waste Collection Authorities within their administrative area under duties and powers defined in the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

A competitive procurement was carried out, following which a successful bidder will be appointed. The identity of the successful bidders and the value of the contract awarded to them is included in Annex A, which will be uploaded following the expiry of the conclusion of the call-in period/call in process.

## 3. Alternative options considered and rejected

As part of the procurement scoping process consideration was given to allowing individual Waste Collection Authorities to procure their own organic waste facilities. However, through the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership Action Plan 2003, the Waste Disposal Authority agreed to procure organic waste disposal on behalf of the ten Waste Collection Authorities (WCAs) to provide best value through economies of scale and to try and ensure consistency across WCAs in terms of material collected. It is also the case that, should district and borough councils be permitted by the county council to make their own arrangements for the treatment of organic wastes, this would result in a worse financial position for the county council as the statutory payment of a recycling credit by the county council to the district and borough councils would exceed the price paid to suppliers for treatment of the material.

## 4. Consultation (see Summary of Requirements below)

**Was any Councillor consulted?      Yes**

**If yes:**

(a) Comments of Executive Member/Committee Chairman (*delete as applicable*)

I am content with the decision.

(b) Comments of other consultees

None

## 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/Committee Chairman, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed: Matthew King

Title: Head of Waste Management

Date: 28 March 2024

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

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**Summary of Requirements to Inform/Consult Councillors**

<b>Significance of Proposed Action</b>	<b>Controversial</b>	<b>Relevant Councillor(s) to be Consulted</b>
Technical/Professional/ Routine	No	No need to inform or consult councillors
Technical/Professional/ Routine	Yes	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Relevant Committee Chairman and, where appropriate, Local Councillor
Local	No	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Inform Local Councillor
Local	Yes	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Consult Local Councillor
General or County-wide	No	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b>

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		Consult relevant Committee Chairman
General or County-wide	Yes	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) and the Leader of the Council <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Committee Chairman/Leaders all Political Groups