

ACTION TAKEN ON THE GROUNDS OF URGENCY

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1. To note the action taken on the grounds of urgency.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1. That the action taken on grounds of urgency be noted.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

(a) Inter Authority Agreement – Materials Recycling & Waste Transfer

- 3.1 The Director (Operations) has taken action on the grounds of urgency (ref: Section 3 page 3/4 para 4.1) in relation to agreeing the terms of an Inter Authority Agreement to manage the future materials recycling facility and waste transfer contract.
- 3.2 On 13th November 2023, Operational Services Committee approved the process for procurement of a new materials recycling contract. The procurement process was carried out by the Waste Collection Authorities (WCAs) in the RECAP Partnership. Appendix 1 (Exempt Papers)
- 3.3 Following extensive market testing and tenders returned by suppliers, in agreement with all WCA's Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officers, the procurement exercise was halted due to issues around affordability and other reasons. A confidential briefing note has been provided in Appendix 2 (Exempt Papers)
- 3.4 Further work now has been completed to secure the future arrangements of recycling materials processing and the waste transfer arrangements for that waste. To enable the latest procurement exercise to be completed, an Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) is required to ensure that the future contract can be managed across the Partnership. Appendix 3 (Exempt Papers) sets out the requirement for an IAA.
- 3.5 The IAA needs to form part of the proposed contracting arrangements and needs to be published on the procurement portal by 20th May 2024 to ensure that contracting arrangements can be in place by 1st September 2024. The IAA is currently being drafted for agreement with RECAP Partners.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS / EQUALITY IMPACT STATEMENT / CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT

4.1. Additional financial implications detailed above.

4.2. Equality Impact Assessment not required for the purposes of this report.

APPENDICES

Appendices 1-3 – Exempt report and briefing papers

Background Documents

Urgent Action Memo dated 17 April 2024