

Cabinet Member Delegated Decision Form

Decision Title

Hanford Energy from Waste (EfW) Facility – Post 31 March 2025
Commencement of Procurement Process

Decision Required

To agree to work in partnership with Stoke on Trent City Council (SoTCC) to procure a suitable operator when the current Hanford EfW contract ends on the 31 March 2025.

Decision Date

28/04/23

Decision Summary

The Hanford EfW facility is controlled jointly with SoTCC for the disposal of household waste from Staffordshire and Stoke residents. In line with the approved Inter- Authority Agreement (IAA), SoTCC acts as the lead authority for the day-to-day management of contractual matters including procurement activity when required.

The existing contract arrangements end on the 31 March 2025 and agreement has been reached with SOTCC that a procurement exercise should be carried out to secure a suitable operator for the Hanford EfW facility from the 1 April 2025 for a minimum period of five years. SoTCC Cabinet considered a report on this matter at their Cabinet meeting held on the 28 March 2023 and agreed to commence the procurement process immediately.

It is envisaged that the procurement process should enable both Council's to decide to formally award in late summer/early autumn 2024. Any award of contract to the preferred bidder will be a Cabinet decision for each Council.

Member Delegated Function

General Delegation to Cabinet Member - Section 6 of the Constitution

Public / Exempt

Public

Options Considered

The current contract ends on the 31 March 2025 and having been extended once it is not possible to extend the existing contract arrangements beyond this date.

A compliant procurement process needs to be undertaken to ensure that the plant is operational post March 2025 but it should be noted that the award of any contract will be subject to a separate, appropriate, decision making process at both Councils.

Consultation Process

An initial soft marking testing exercise has been undertaken by SoTCC which has indicated that there should be sufficient market interest to achieve a successful outcome to a procurement exercise.

Electoral Divisions Affected

All

Name of Cabinet Member Making Decision:

Cllr Mark Deaville, Cabinet Member for Commercial

Community Impact Assessment

Both Councils have a statutory duty to ensure that there is suitable and sufficient household waste disposal capacity for their needs both for now and the foreseeable future.

The impact on public health would be significant if suitable household waste disposal arrangements were not in place.

In addition to public health issues the securing of suitable arrangements for household waste impacts positively on environmental and economic factors.

Resource and Value for Money Analysis

In line with the IAA it has been agreed to split procurement costs with SoTCC on a 50:50 basis.

Funds have been allocated for procurement activity in the 2023/24 and 2024/25 Council waste budgets.

Legal Analysis

The IAA sets how the Hanford EfW facility is managed and SoTCC is the lead authority.

Working in partnership, the Council will work with SoTCC to undertake a compliant procurement exercise and will seek appropriate legal advice as part of this process.

Implementation

Once this Member Delegated Decision is approved work will commence immediately, led by SoTCC, to undertake the required procurement activity.

To be implemented by: Tim Cooper Head of Waste and Sustainability

Implementation Status

Work to commence on:	N/A
Work in progress:	N/A
Work completed on date below:	N/A

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