

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a joint meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees held at Knowle, Sidmouth on 9 February 2016

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The meeting started at 6pm and ended at 6.58pm.

***21 Election of Chairman**

Councillor Roger Giles was elected Chairman of the joint meeting.

***22 Appointment of Vice Chairman**

Councillor Peter Bowden was appointed Vice Chairman of the joint Committee.

***23 Public speaking**

There were no public speakers.

***24 Minutes confirmation**

The minutes of the joint committees on 13 January 2016 were confirmed as a true record.

***25 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr John Humphreys – Min no. 26

Personal interest

Reason: Contractor who disposes of garden waste

26 Recycling, waste collection and associated services contract

The two committees considered the report prepared for Cabinet, outlining the final stages of the procurement process of the contract.

The evaluation of the Best and Final Officers, along with the successful results of the trials in Feniton and Exmouth (The Colony), had led to the recommendation of provider for the contract.

The committee discussion included:

- Why the amount Devon County Council pay as a cost per tonne for disposal could not be disclosed to the council in order to provide an accurate figure for the amount of waste being diverted through the enhanced recycling scheme and provide a clearer estimate of the saving potential. Officer outlined the efforts made to secure that information from DCC but had been unsuccessful, and therefore an estimate had been used with a suggested sharing formula of 50%. Less waste going to landfill reduced disposal costs for DCC, and officers felt that the council should share in those savings;
- Bidders had provided method statements covering all aspects of the service, which would form part of the contract. The contract would also contain clauses to help protect the council by ensuring that the performance of the service met the required standard;
- Lot 4, whilst having a less frequent refuse collection, held an upfront cost of providing 240L wheeled bins to every householder in the district;
- Advice had been taken on providing the capital funding of the vehicle fleet requirement, with savings identified in taking this option rather than the more expensive option of bidders purchasing the fleet and recovering their costs through the contract;

- Vehicle lead in time from order to delivery was expected to be approximately six months, so the current fleet would be utilised until the new vehicles were ready for deployment;
- Year on year increase in Landfill Tax was expected and had been taken into account in calculation of costs;
- A small number of other authorities had implemented a three-weekly refuse collection service and their experiences had been taken into account when designing the trial service in 2015. This would be a pioneering service and be keenly observed by neighbouring authorities;
- Bidder A had included the recycling of tetrapaks; a two-weekly collection of AHP would be available if required;
- In future years as refuse quantity continues to decrease, the council could consider less frequent collection of refuse with the selected contractor if costs permit.

RECOMMENDED unanimously by the Overview Committee and Scrutiny Committee

1. that, based on the evaluation of tenders for the Recycling, Waste Collection and Associated Services contract by the Tender Evaluation Panel, Bidder A be appointed to deliver and operate the services specified in the contract and tender documents;
2. that the tender be awarded on the basis of Lot 3 (enhanced weekly kerbside recycling and a three-weekly residual collection service);
3. Agree a three month extension to the current contract to enable the contract to commence in July 2016, giving an appropriate mobilisation timeframe, with a corresponding extension of the depot lease;
4. Delegated authority be given to the Strategic Lead (Housing, Health and Environment) and Strategic Lead (Legal, Licensing and Democratic Services) to negotiate and complete the contract and depot lease extensions and new waste contract;
5. Request that Devon County Council provide the information on cost per tonne for disposal of residual waste to this and other authorities in the county in the next two months.

Attendance list

Overview Committee members present:

Peter Bowden
Graham Godbeer
Peter Faithfull
Maria Hale
John Humphreys
Rob Longhurst

Scrutiny Committee members present:

Roger Giles
Dean Barrow
David Chapman
Maddy Chapman
Alison Greenhalgh
Simon Grundy
Marcus Hartnell

Val Ranger
Brenda Taylor

Other Members present:

Geoff Jung
Iain Chubb
Tom Wright
Pauline Stott
Jill Elson
David Barratt
Paul Diviani
Phil Twiss

Officers present:

John Golding, Strategic Lead Housing, Health and Environment
Andrew Hancock, Service Lead Streetscene
Henry Gordon Lennox, Strategic Lead Legal, Licensing and Democratic Services
Debbie Meakin, Democratic Services Officer

Committee Members apologies:

Overview

Matt Booth
Pat Graham
Mike Allen
Ian Hall

Scrutiny

Alan Dent
Marianne Rixson
Cathy Gardner
Bill Nash
Cherry Nicholas

Other Member apologies:

Andrew Moulding
Mike Howe

Chairman

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