

Senior Officer Decision

Consultative meeting: Cabinet

Consultative meeting date: 30th March 2022



Exempt from publication

Yes. Para 3 Schedule 12A Information relating to the finance or business affairs of any particular person

Title: Recycling & Waste – Bridging Solution

Links to consultative meeting(s):

[Agenda for Cabinet – Wednesday 30th March, 6.00 pm – Item 210](#)

Recommendation:

Senior Officers

1. agree to the additional resources for the Recycling & Waste service required to meet the growth pressures by implementing the 'Bridging Solution' as outlined in the report.
2. agree to extend the contract with SUEZ to its full term to 2026 to provide the consistency and stability needed to implement the Bridging Solution and prepare for the outcomes of the Environment Act 2021.

RECOMMENDED to Council;

3. that the additional budget required is approved; a revenue budget increase of £1.25 million per year (£734,928 pro-rata for 2022/23) and estimated capital expenditure of £1.11million to fund the changes to the service.

REASON:

A comprehensive business case was included in the Bridging Solution document providing the rationale and supporting data to explain the case for the expansion of the Recycling & Waste service and gives the revenue and capital budget provisions required to deliver the changes. The business case had been compiled jointly by the EDDC/SUEZ Partnership Team.

Authority

Decision of Council on 26th July 2021 to delegate decision making to officers until 23.59 17th January 2022 ([Minutes 26th July 2021 Council Meeting](#)). Senior Officer Decision of 10th December to extend the arrangements until 23.59 on 10th May 2022 ([Senior Officer Decision Record 10th December 2021](#)). Senior Officer Decision of 4th May 2022 to extend the arrangements until 23.59 on 31st October 2022 ([Senior Officer Decision Record 4th May 2021](#)).

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| Consultations: I was present at / have watched the recording of the consultative meeting which considered this item Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Detail any other consultations carried out: N/A |
| Other considerations: Do the legal and finance comments and equalities impact, climate change and risk assessments as detailed in the officer report remain the same. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If no, provide the updated assessment below; Legal Implications <i>A member of the legal team must provide comments.</i> |

Financial Implications

A member of the finance team must provide comments.

Equalities impact Low Impact

If choosing High or Medium level outline the equality considerations here, which should include any particular adverse impact on people with protected characteristics and actions to mitigate these. Link to an equalities impact assessment form using the [equalities form template](#).

Climate change Medium Impact

Risk: Medium Risk; [Click here](#) to enter text on risk considerations relating to your report.

Consideration of risk to the Recycling and Waste service in the context of this report falls into four categories – Firstly risk to the service by not expanding the collection capacity.

This is summarised in Section 2 of the Bridging Solution document ‘The Problem’.

Secondly the

risks involved in the implementation of the Bridging Solution should it be approved.

These

implementation risks are covered in Section 4.13 of the Bridging Solution document. The third

area of risk is a contractual risk. The contract with SUEZ includes the delivery of collection

services up to 73,000 properties at which point the contract change mechanism is triggered. It is

projected that 73,000 properties will be reached in the autumn of 2022. If collection services to

properties beyond 73,000 are not catered for by the Bridging Solution an alternative arrangement

would need to be made. Fourthly there is a risk that modification of the contract during its term

does not comply with the original procurement conditions. Legal advice has been sought on this

and the risk level has been assessed as low. The attached advice note from Bevan Brittan

provides more information. More information on the categories of risk are provided in the Risk

section of the full report below.

Decision:

To approve the recommendations made at Cabinet, minutes of the meetings and recommendations contained therein as detailed in the Recommendation section above.

Reasons for decision:

The consultative meeting of Cabinet reviewed the officer report and recommended that it, with the recommendations contained therein, be approved. There is nothing I am aware of that suggests any alternative decision should be taken.



Signed

..... Dated 17/05/2022

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