



Environment and Transport Select Committee
18 May 2015

Amendment to Waste Contract to Deliver the Waste Strategy

Purpose of the report: *Scrutiny of Services and Budgets*

To scrutinise the amendment to waste contract to deliver the Waste Strategy, approved by the Cabinet on 28 April 2015.

Introduction:

- 1 On 28 April 2015 the Cabinet approved the amendment to the waste contract to deliver the waste strategy.
- 2 Four Members (Stephen Cooksey, David Goodwin, George Johnson and Nikki Barton) of the Environment and Transport Select Committee have called-in this Cabinet decision for reconsideration by the Committee.

Background:

- 3 The Cabinet's decision on the amendment to waste contract to deliver the Waste Strategy was published on 28 April 2015. The details of the Cabinet's decision extracted from the printed decisions, are stated below:

RESOLVED:

1. That all the necessary preconditions identified in the Cabinet report of 23 July 2013, as outlined in paragraphs 3 - 34 of the submitted report, have now been met.
2. That the assessment of the Director of Finance is that the cost of proceeding with the Waste Strategy, including the Eco Park, meets the value for money criterion and is the most affordable option available to the council.
3. That the council proceeds to issue the second Notice To Proceed (NTP2) in accordance with the contractual processes approved by Cabinet on 30 October 2013.

4. That the corporate revenue budget refresh in July 2015 will take into account the budgetary effect of delivering the Waste Strategy, including the Eco Park.
5. That the Strategic Director of Environment and Infrastructure puts in place the governance arrangements described in Annex 2 of the submitted report, and provides quarterly reports to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning and reports to Cabinet at key milestones by agreement between the Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning and the Leader of the Council.

Reasons for Decisions:

To authorise development of the Eco Park, an essential part of the Waste Strategy and a priority for the council.

- 4 On 5 May 2015, Democratic Services received notification that four Members (Stephen Cooksey, David Goodwin, George Johnson and Nikki Barton) of the Environment and Transport Select Committee had called-in this decision of the Cabinet. The reasons for the call-in are as follows:
 - a) *That the information considered by the Cabinet in agreeing that all conditions had been met was incomplete because it had not been the subject of scrutiny by the Environment and Transport Committee where members could test its validity;*
 - b) *To enable, through Members, residents views to be considered following the publication of the business case and financial plan with regard to Value for Money, Affordability and it being the Lowest Cost Option.*
- 5 The following documents in relation to the decision made on 28 April 2015 are attached:
 - Report considered by Cabinet on 28 April 2015 (**Appendix 1**).
 - Waste options financial assessment April 2015, considered by Cabinet on 28 April 2015 (**Appendix 2**).
 - Waste programme governance arrangements, considered by Cabinet on 28 April 2015 (**Appendix 3**).
 - Extract from the minutes of the Cabinet meeting of 28 April 2015 (**Appendix 4**).
 - The call-in notice received by Democratic Services on 5 May 2015 (**Appendix 5**).
 - The officer report in relation to the call-in (to follow).

The Call-in:

- 6 The Committee is asked to consider the above evidence together with evidence presented at the call-in meeting in order to review the decision taken by the Cabinet.
- 7 The Committee is asked whether or not it wishes to refer the decision back to the Cabinet for reconsideration.
- 8 If the Committee decides to refer back to the Cabinet for reconsideration, the Committee's concern must be stated.

Recommendation:

That the Committee reviews the decision of the Cabinet regarding the amendment to waste contract to deliver the waste strategy taken on 28 April 2015 and decides whether it wishes to refer the decision back to the Cabinet for reconsideration.

Next steps:

Should the Committee decide to support the decision of the Cabinet; the decision will take effect on the date of the Committee meeting.

Should the Committee refer the decision back to the Cabinet, it will be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 26 May 2015. The Cabinet can then decide to amend the decision or not, before adopting a final decision.

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