

Committee: Annual Council
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Agenda Item No: 16
Title: Essex Integrated Waste Contract.
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Summary

This report requires members to consider the following standard recommendations from the Waste Management Advisory Board that all partner authorities will be deciding in this period for the Procurement Stage of the long term arrangements for the management of Municipal Solid Waste across Essex:

Those recommendations are:

The approval of the Constitution for the West Area Waste Management Joint Committee.

The approval of the first annual Business Plan for the West Area Waste Management Joint Committee.

Background

At the Full Council meeting in December, this Council agreed that Uttlesford District Council would participate in a Partnership with other Essex authorities in a Joint procurement process for the collection and disposal of all municipal waste generated in Essex and agreed the establishment of a Joint Committee to manage the procurement process.

This report sets out the constitution for the West Area Joint Committee and the first Business Plan for the procurement stage of the Integrated Waste Management Contract for Essex. Members are asked to approve the recommendations and to appoint a nominated member and a substitute to represent the Council on the West Area Joint Committee. Approval of these recommendations will enable the Joint Committee to be formed in May in line with the Procurement Project Plan.

The Joint Committee is being established to enable the Authorities to respond in a more effective and co-ordinated way and make timely decisions during the procurement stage and the development and implementation of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. The establishment of the Joint Committee will ensure that all partner authorities are fully and equally involved with the procurement process and that this process will establish the true costs and benefits of a fully integrated contract.

Uttlesford will be under no final commitment on integrated working until the results of the procurement exercise are known and the benefits to each partner authority are fully understood. The final decision to join the Integrated Waste Management Contract for Essex will not be made until the autumn of 2006.

Over the last few months, legal representatives, senior waste managers and the elected members on the Waste Management Advisory Board have developed this constitution and taken into account the views and concerns from all partner authorities. This constitution will only be affective during the procurement process, and if as a result of the tendering process partner authorities wish to join the integrated contract then new constitutional arrangements will need to be drawn up to manage that contract.

The delegated functions that will be exercised by the Joint Committee on behalf of the partner Authorities are listed in section 4 of the constitution. The exercise of delegated functions will be controlled through the annual business plan that sets out decisions:

- To be taken by the committee
- To be retained by each Partner Authority
- Where notification of an intended decision made to each Partner Authority for comments.

The business plan has been developed with the constitution and provides protection and control for partner authorities during the procurement stage of the Integrated Municipal Waste Management Contract. Each year during the procurement process the Joint Committee will have to draft a new business plan for the year ahead

Recommendations.

At the Environment Committee meeting on 11 January it was agreed a Waste Project Team would be formed to over see the Integrated Municipal Waste Management Contract for Essex. This team would like to recommend:

1. That Uttlesford District Council approve the constitution for the West Area Waste Management Joint Committee.
2. That Uttlesford District Council approve the first annual business plan for the West Area Waste Management Joint Committee.
3. That Uttlesford District Council nominate their Joint Committee Member to represent them on the West Area Waste Management Joint Committee.
4. That Uttlesford District Council nominate a substitute member to ensure representation on the West Area Waste Management Joint Committee.

For Information.

The districts within the West Area Group Are:

Braintree
Brentwood
Epping

Harlow
Uttlesford.

The membership of the Project Team is:

Cllr. Thawley, Cllr. Pedder, Cllr. Cheetham, Cllr Dean, Cllr. Godwin. Michael Perry,
Phil O' Dell, Diane Burridge, Ron Pridham

Background Papers

Draft Constitution For the West Essex Waste Management Joint Committee

Draft Business Plan For the West Essex Waste Management Joint Committee