

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Integrated Waste Management Contract Waste Issues Update</b>	<b>Item 15</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Executive	
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	N/A	

**Corporate Plan Priority:** CP 5 - Ensuring that the street environment is clean, well maintained, safe and Improving environmental resource management.

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Corporate Plan priority by:

Strategic Priority 5. Ensuring that the street environment is clean, well maintained and safe.

Strategic Priority 9. Improving environmental resource management.

**Purpose of Report:** To update the Executive on waste issues regarding a site for the new PFI waste contract.

**Recommended Action:** To note the work undertaken on acquiring waste site for the new PFI waste contract.

**Reason for decision to be taken** To deliver the Council's waste management strategy, to maximise recycling and composting, through a PFI integrated waste management contract.

**List of other options considered:** None

**Key background documentation:**

- Adopted Municipal Waste Management Strategy for West Berkshire 2002 – 2022
- Outline Business Case 2002 to DEFRA for Waste PFI Credits
- Letter of approval for Waste PFI credits from DEFRA
- Integrated Waste Management Contract – Information Pack March 2004
- Integrated Waste Management Contract – Invitation to Submit Outline Proposals July 2004

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## Implications

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<b>Policy:</b>	Implementation of the Council's Adopted Municipal Waste Management Strategy (2002-2022)
<b>Financial:</b>	The future costs of the waste PFI contract have been included in the Medium Term Financial Strategy. The current capital programme includes a budget for waste facilities.
<b>Personnel:</b>	TUPE issues may apply between the incumbent contractors and the successful contractor for the integrated waste management contract.
<b>Legal:</b>	There will be a requirement for substantial ongoing legal input and advice for the duration of this project.
<b>Property:</b>	Property Services will have input into the project on site acquisition.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	The report identifies areas of risk for the Council in procuring the integrated waste management contract.

## 1. Key Background Points

- 1.1 In March the Council commenced the formal procurement of a long-term 25 year integrated waste management contract, developed from the waste strategy, to maximise recycling and composting. This will provide the services, necessary facilities and infrastructure that will fulfil the Council's statutory functions and the aspirations of the community for the management of waste.
- 1.2 Four major waste companies responded with their proposed technical solutions to the Invitation to Submit Outline Proposals (ISOP) to the Council. These have been evaluated and considered for the next stage of the procurement process.

## 2. Preferred Waste Site

- 2.1 West Berkshire inherited very few waste sites from the former Berkshire County and Newbury District Councils. The ones it did inherit are severely limited, being too small and in poor locations necessary to deliver future waste activities.
- 2.2 Site ownership and Planning are two major risks to the successful delivery of Waste PFI contracts. Advice from the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is that the Council should consider all the implications for waste sites and work to mitigate these and the Planning risk where practical. This is important if contractors are unable to offer a site.
- 2.3 In addressing the issue of sites, the Council has undertaken a comprehensive review of potential sites for waste management in the district, taking into account the Waste Local Plan. This has shown that there are very few suitable or available sites in the district.
- 2.4 The Executive Member for the Environment and Waste and the Opposition Spokesperson for Waste were delegated by the Waste Task Group to investigate site specifics in detail and review the short-list of potential sites before recommending Padworth Sidings as the preferred site. This is a brownfield site of appropriate size with good access and, importantly, is included in the current Waste Local Plan. Feasibility work has been undertaken as to the site's suitability.
- 2.5 In progressing site acquisition a planning application will need to be submitted, which will include detailed design and an Environmental Impact Assessment. The Planning process could be lengthy (approximately 12 months) so preparation work needs to commence as soon as possible. The Council must be confident that planning permission is secure before acquisition can be finalised.
- 2.6 In addition to site acquisition costs there will be necessary expenditure to secure a detailed Planning approval, including a Traffic Impact Assessment, which will be funded from the Council's current Capital budget for waste facilities.

## Appendices

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None

## Consultation Responses

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**Local Stakeholders:** Ward Members and affected Parishes have been briefed as to the preferred site at Padworth Sidings and the planning implications of this report. The Opposition Spokesperson for Waste endorses the approach made to address site acquisition issues within the report

**Officers Consulted:** John Ashworth, Andrew Deacon, John North, Liz Howlett, Martin Cawte

**Trade Union:** None