

Request for Delegated Authority Approval (Emergency Powers – 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic)

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Directorate:	PLACE
Service:	Neighbourhood Services
Subject:	Treatment of Recyclable Waste Contract
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Date of Request:	07 May 2020
Background:	<p>The Council signed up to the Household Recycling Charter for Scotland in 2016 with the aim of increasing both the quality and quantity of recycling whilst reducing landfill. As part of this commitment the Council rolled out a new collection service in 2018/19 which separates dry recycling streams into 3 categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper and Card • Plastics, Cartons and Metals • Glass <p>The Council has operated a contract for the treatment of these materials, as well as the co-mingled element that still remains in the commercial waste business, with Lowmac Alloys since April 2019. Neighbourhood Services recently extended the contract with Lowmac in March 2020 however due to the volume of material we are now receiving and a change in price due to the global market we were only able to extend based on a limit of £50,000 with the current contract having a natural end date of 30 June 2020.</p> <p>Whilst awarding this contract it was identified that the Council were getting value for money in the current climate around both the world markets and restrictions regarding COVID-19. Currently the only framework option to direct award is not possible as the route to market is a DPS via Scotland Excel, where we would need to conduct a mini competition. The recycling markets are not doing well therefore this would probably result in a poor set of rates for the recycling streams. The Council would also have to commit to a longer duration contract to ensure suppliers submitted a bid with the likely successful contractor being Lowmac.</p> <p>Another factor to take into consideration is capacity/resource in developing a full specification. This would mean a lot of info/time from Waste Management staff at a time when we are struggling for resource and delivering critical services is the utmost priority.</p>

	<p>In this respect Neighbourhood Services, through procurement, are looking to negotiate a 12 month contract with our current supplier, Lowmac Alloys, to give security of provision throughout this uncertain period</p> <p>Standing Orders relating to Contracts (Section 22.1) ensure that contracts falling under either the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act or the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations, and requiring negotiation without prior advertisement and competition, must obtain approval from Leadership Panel before negotiation and award.</p> <p>This request for Delegated Authority Approval addresses Treatment of Recyclable Waste Contract which is above the Standing Order (Section 22.1) threshold bale of £50,000 per annum, with the remaining larger volume covered via delegated powers.</p>
<p>Approval Sought For:</p>	<p>Approval is sought to extend the ongoing contractual obligation in respect of the Treatment of Recyclable Waste until 30 June 2021.</p> <p>The Treatment of Recyclable Waste contract has been identified as only being able to be supplied by specific providers and, due to its value, is also subject to the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act and the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations.</p> <p>Approval is sought in accordance with Section 22.1 of Standing Orders relating to Contracts to negotiate and extend this contract until 30 June 2021 without prior advertisement and competition.</p>
<p>Additional Information:</p>	
<p>Legal Implications:</p>	<p>There are no legal implications arising from this report.</p>
<p>Procurement Implications:</p>	<p>Extension of the Treatment of Recyclable Waste contract is required in order for the Council to continue to dispose and treat dry recyclable waste in a timeous and effective manner. In accordance with paragraph 22.1 of Standing Orders relating to Contracts and Section 6 (1) (b) (ii) of the Procurement (Scotland) Regulations 2016, this renewal can be progressed without the need for prior advertisement and competition'</p>
<p>Financial Implications:</p>	<p>The treatment of dry recycling will continue to be funded from the existing Neighbourhood Services revenue budget on an ongoing annual basis</p>

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Name(s) of Elected Member(s) consulted:	Douglas Campbell, Ian Cochrane, Peter Henderson and Brian McGinley
Elected Member Feedback:	
Decision:	Approved