

CHILTERN AND WYCOMBE JOINT WASTE COLLECTION COMMITTEE

Background Papers, if any, are specified at the end of the Report

JOINT WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT – CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM CONTRACTOR

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Members are requested to note current situation as outlined in the report.

1. Report

- 1.1. Officers reported to the Joint Waste Collection Committee on 6 November 2014 that an approach had been received from Serco in relation to their plans for a corporate restructuring. Although the initial approach was on a confidential basis, there have now been media reports and an announcement on the stock exchange that Serco will be concentrating on what they consider to be their core businesses and completing a programme of disposals of their other businesses.
- 1.2. Serco have provided some of the information collectively sought by the local authorities affected by the proposals and have sought their own legal advice on the procurement implications of their restructuring proposal.
- 1.3. Bevan Brittan have advised on the information sent through from Serco to date and have raised some further questions which the officers forwarded to Serco just before Christmas.
- 1.4. Serco have now indicated that they are seeking further legal advice.
- 1.5. When the officers have the answers to our further questions we may be in a position to report further to Members on the risks to the Councils and the options available.

Background papers: Information provided in confidence by Serco and confidential advice received from Bevan Brittan.