

Report for:	<b>Shadow Executive</b>
Meeting Date:	<b>8.10.2019</b>

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Waste Collection Contract Update for Chiltern, Wycombe and South Bucks District Areas</b>
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<b>Recommendations:</b>	<p><b>Members are recommended:</b></p> <p>a) <b>To note the decisions taken by the District Councils that the procurement should continue, and also that the current contract be extended to September 2020, at which point the new service will be implemented.</b></p> <p>b) <b>To agree that an officer acting on behalf of the Shadow Executive be involved in the procurement exercise in an advisory capacity.</b></p>
Corporate Implications:	Legal advice has previously been provided in relation to the options available for the provision of waste collection. If the procurement continues this will result in a new contract starting in September 2020. Allowance has been made for the costs of delivering the preferred option within the Medium Term Financial Plan.
Options: (If any)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To note the decisions taken by the District Councils to proceed with the procurement.</li> <li>In accordance with the agreed spending protocol, take steps to prevent the proposed contractual spend and ask the District Councils to pursue an alternative approach to secure service provision</li> </ol>
Reason:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure the continued delivery of an effective waste collection service after the current contract has expired.</li> <li>To safeguard the financial position of the new Buckinghamshire Council in relation to its expenditure on waste collection services.</li> </ol>

## 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This paper invites the Shadow Executive to consider the contractual spend on the proposed waste collection contract in accordance with the agreed spending protocol. The decision will determine the provision of continuity of service for waste, recycling and cleansing at the expiry of the existing contracts in 2020.

## **2. Content of Report**

- 2.1 The existing waste, recycling and cleansing contracts held by Chiltern District Council (CDC), Wycombe District Council (WDC) and South Bucks District Council (SBDC) are due to expire in May 2020 and October 2021. A procurement process is underway for a new contract and under the agreed spending protocol the district councils have consulted with the Shadow Executive.
- 2.2 The new contract will be implemented after the new Buckinghamshire Council is established and the priority for the Shadow Executive is to ensure continuity of service provision for residents across the county.
- 2.3 Legal advice has previously been provided in relation to the options available for the provision of waste, recycling and cleansing. On 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019 the Shadow Executive resolved that the Chief Executive for the Shadow Authority be authorised to take any further steps as appropriate to implement the decision of the Shadow Executive in relation to the waste procurement process. The views of the Shadow Executive were considered by Wycombe and Chiltern District Councils in their Cabinet meetings on 27 August.
- 2.4 The current position of the District Councils is that the best option to ensure continuity of service provision is to proceed with the procurement. This will result in a new contract starting in September 2020.

## **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 Allowance has been made for the costs of delivering the preferred option within the Medium Term Financial Plan.

## **4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 Legal advice has previously been provided to members in relation to the options available for the provision of waste, recycling and cleansing services and a report has previously been considered by the Shadow Executive on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Legal advice and commercial considerations contained within that report means it is not publicly available in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Confidential matters are set out in a confidential Appendix to this report (Appendix A).

## **5. Other Key Risks**

- 5.1 There are a number of key issues and risks that have been considered when considering the possible options, including legal, financial, performance and reputational risks.

## **6. Consultation**

- 6.1 Not Applicable.

## **7. Communications Plan**

- 7.1 Communications with bidders and the current contract provider will be managed by the responsible officer during the procurement process. A communications plan will be



compiled for the point of implementation to ensure service recipients are appropriately informed at that time.

## **8. Equalities Implications**

8.1 Not applicable.

## **9. Next Steps**

9.1 The Chief Executive will continue to implement the decision of the Shadow Executive in relation to the waste procurement process and the officer representing the Shadow Executive (Martin Dickman Environment Services Director) will be introduced into the procurement process.

