



Waste and Recycling Collection Contract Procurement

SOMERSET WASTE BOARD

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Agenda

- Progress Report: Update on dialogue/procurement process
- Timetable
- Affordability
- Key issues:
 - Depots
 - Vehicles

Progress report

- Planned dialogue sessions concluded before Xmas
- Additional legal support on works contract element of contracts
- All other elements of contract finalised
- Final dialogue held to ensure final changes had not introduced any issues
- Dialogue closed and final tender documents issued

Timetable

Phase	Time	Comments
Deadline for submission of final tenders	27 Feb	This gives bidders the same amount of time that they previously had to finalise their tenders, and all bidders are aware of the proposed timeline
Evaluation of final tenders	4 -15 March	This timetable has already been reduced to the minimum viable period. To ensure the robustness of the process quality and financial evaluations are kept separate.
Moderation	18-21 March	
Partner meetings	22 March	Meetings with task and finish group, SMG and s151 officers ahead of sharing confidential paper with SWB. Planned publication of confidential decision paper.
SWB decision on preferred contractor	29 Mar	Public paper (no information on final bids) + confidential paper & Equality Impact Assessment
End of call-in period	9 April	We can't notify bidders until this period has finished
Contractual standstill period	To 19 April	Mandatory period.
Public announcement of contract award	13 May	Expected date of public announcement of new contractor. Further clarity on borrowing may be required ahead of contract award.
Mobilisation	To end March 2020	This is the period in which the new provider gears up to provide the services including procurement of vehicles, plant and equipment, and close engagement with staff.
Service Commencement	28 March 2020	The first collections by the new provider will be on Monday 30 March 2020.
Complete roll out of Recycle More	End of March 2022	The specification requires that Recycle More must be rolled out in 5 phases within 2 years of commencement, including a bedding in period of 3 months and allowing for a period of learning and reflection in March and April 2021.

Affordability

- Evaluation of contract has a robust financial model which considers all elements (capital and revenue, current service and Recycle More)
- December 2016 SWB decision:
 - “The new Recycle More services are estimated to deliver combined total collection and disposal savings of approximately £1.7m per annum, before initial roll out costs are taken into consideration.”
 - “Initial roll out and support costs for Kier and SWP combined, including extra containers, are estimated at approximately £2.2m.”
 - “Arrangements are already in place to provide funding for new recycling collection vehicles in exchange for a contract discount to the net advantage of the partners.”
- Financial principles agree by SWB in December 2015 (e.g. don't penalise/reward partners for when they roll-out)



Depots

- Key area for successful commencement
- Leases
 - Partner sites: Bridgwater, Williton and Lufton
 - Private sites: Taunton (Walford Cross) and Evercreech
 - Leases must be in place for contract award
 - Developments subject to planning
 - Access to Evercreech Area 5 likely to be required in advance of service commencement required

Vehicles

- Key issue for successful service commencement
- Vehicle choice depends upon bidders
- For suppliers to place orders:
 - Contract needs to be signed
 - Draw down arrangements to be in place for borrowing
 - Long build period
- Competition for build slots
 - Increased engagement with suppliers
 - Looking to obtain reassurance without making a commitment