
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

**ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
SERVICES**

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WASTE STRATEGY UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.5 The report also provides details on the successful joint procurement of a residual waste solution for Helensburgh and Lomond with West Dunbartonshire Council. The new contract will run from June 2021 up until the Landfill Ban date of December 2025. The procurement of the new contract has secured a saving to the council of around £98k this financial year and some additional community benefits.
- 1.6 The report also provides members with an up to date high level indicative Waste Strategy project Timeline (Appendix 3). The Timeline gives details on the key workstreams and actions needed to achieve landfill ban compliance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.7 It is recommended that Members:

Note and consider the content of the report and the progress made with the Scottish Government.

Note and consider the shortlist of projects for the Recycling Infrastructure Fund prepared by Officers.

Note and consider the successful joint procurement of a Residual and Bulky Waste Contract and further note the new community benefits that have been secured as part of the successful joint procurement.

Note and consider the details of the high level Waste Strategy project timeline.

The need for clarity from the Scottish Government on their intentions regarding the review of the rural food waste derogation. Removal of the derogation would result in a costly variation of the PPP and would have a significant impact on the BMW ban solutions we are considering due to changes in composition and volume of the waste we would process.

As per the agreement in principle reached in September 2019, the Minister and her team are

Procurement and Waste partnership developments with adjacent authorities. In addition to this update, Officers also proposed a shared Council/Scottish Government Project Initiation Document (PID). The purpose of this PID was to agree a framework for continuing negotiations on support for Landfill ban compliance and to define roles and responsibilities for all parties.

- 4.2.3 The draft PID also outlined proposals for a timetable of meetings and future engagements.
- 4.2.4 Scottish Government Officials gave feedback on the PID; noting its intent and accepting the need for a clear programme of future engagement and defined roles. However, Officials felt that they could not agree to the PID in its current form and suggested instead that a Terms of Reference be drafted jointly using the PID as a starting point.
- 4.2.5 Officers agreed to the suggestion of a jointly drafted terms of reference and that a draft would be sent to all parties for comment prior to the next engagement meeting.
- 4.2.6 A programme of Council/Scottish Government Meetings about landfill ban compliance was agreed at the meeting. Meetings will take place on a Quarterly basis starting after the Holyrood elections with the outputs from the engagements being reported through the Scottish Government Landfill Ban Programme Board, Highlands and Islands work stream.

4.3 POSITIVE PROCUREMENT WORKSHOP

- 4.3.1 The Scottish Government committed to a joint authority workshop, this was however delayed due to Covid-19 and other circumstances. Officials hosted a Positive Procurement Workshop with Officers from the five

4.4 RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

- 4.4.1 The Government's Programme for Scotland 2020-2021 included a commitment to launch a £70 million Recycling Improvement Fund, as part of our transition to a fully circular

Support projects which generate further progress either in terms of replicating best practice or innovation within existing systems;

Maximise the value of awards by working with local authorities and other stakeholders to ensure projects are coordinated across all available and relevant funding streams.

4.4.4

4.4.6 The Waste Strategy board have approved a short list of projects proposed to be put forward for consideration in the first two years of the fund. The shortlist has been ranked by need, deliverability, cost and benefit. The short list can be found in Table 1 below:

Table 1.

4.4.7

joint procurement, an interim procurement with West Dunbartonshire covering residual/bulky waste from Helensburgh and Lomond and waste from the Islands was proposed.

4.5.3 Operating under the authority of a pre-existing Minute of Agreement, Officers prepared a procurement strategy and tender pack. The tender was released to the market for a 6 week period in February 2021. Evaluations of the responses took place in March. A consensus relating to the technical and commercial results of the evaluation were agreed between Officers from both local authorities on the 9th April 2021.

4.5.4 The tender for both residual and bulky waste when released in February 2021 attracted significant attention from the market with 12 suppliers noting interest.

4.5.5 When the tender phase concluded there were two submissions for both the residual and bulky elements of the procurement which were received. The companies that bid for the contracts were:

Barr Environmental Ltd;
ENVA Ltd.

4.5.6 Both Argyll and Bute Council and West Dunbartonshire have current contracts with both tenderers. The incumbent residual and bulky waste disposal provider for both authorities is Barr Environmental Ltd (Barr). The incumbent Co-mingled recycle provider for both authorities is ENVA Ltd.

4.5.7 The technical evaluation of both bids highlighted a key difference in disposal methodology from each provider. Barr environmental proposed a conventional mechanical treatment and landfill system. The ENVA bid used a different methodology to deal with the material based on the export of the waste material as Refuse Derived Fuel to be used in Energy from Waste plants in the UK and Europe.

4.5.8 Both bids passed the technical evaluation stage for both residual and bulky waste. In both residual and bulky, the ENVA submission scored higher than Barr; in part this is because of the difference in disposal methodology but also the overall quality of the submission.

4.5.9 The contract will run from June 2021 till December 2025, providing a service until the Landfill Ban is implemented. The cost of the contracts are fixed for the 4 year duration and have a proportional increase in line with inflation and 1(resi)11(d)-3(u)-3(a)-3(l)-996(e)-3(13(e Tc[anw o8)59()-111(t)6(h

4.5.12 A key part of this procurement process was the community benefit evaluation. Any company wishing to be considered had to complete a community benefit questionnaire that was scored out of a 100 with any score above 70 being a passing mark. Barr scored a total of 80 exceeding the passing mark. As the Barr bid has been successful these community benefit commitments (as detailed in Appendix 2) will be written into the contract as a key contract deliverable.

4.6 WASTE STRATEGY PROJECT TIMELINE

4.6.1 The project Work stream of each objective and decision point are summarised in the indicative Timeline presented in Appendix 3.

4.6.2 The indicative Timeline provides members with a high level summary of the projects Work streams and the key aspects that require resolution for the council to achieve a ban compliant Waste Disposal service.

4.6.3 The Timeline highlights the complex nature of the project and its various interconnected work streams and crosscutting dependencies that officers are working to resolve. This is an indicative timeline elements within the timeline may change. At this TEGY

