

Cabinet 26/04/18 –
Comments from O&S Panels

Part I

Cabinet Report

Weekly Waste Collection Contract – Authority to Commence Procurement

The Highways, Transport and Environment O&S Panel considered the Cabinet report electronically and the following comments were received:

From Cllr Sharma, Panel Chairman:

'I support this short period extension of contract to 9 months due to following reasons:

Volatility in global Market, as China has put more restriction to accept EU waste disposal.

The "Circular Economy Package" with recycling target and requirement has been formally agreed on 18th April 2018 by EU Parliament with only final approval needed by Ministers before it becomes law. Even though the UK is to leave EU the government has already said it is set to include Circular Economy package measure within EU policy, partly because they will have become EU law before the UK leaves. Municipal waste and recycling target 55% by 2025 and 65% by 2035 No more than 10% land filling by 2035.

Separate collection of textiles and Hazardous waste.

Improving waste management will not only benefit the environment, climate and human health. "The four piece of legislation are also part of a shift EU policy towards a circular economy i.e. a system where the value of the product material and resources is maintained in the economy for as long possible.

I believe it is big change which are coming into force very soon, so short term solution of waste collection contract is right decision, so we got more time to change our plan and policy according to new legislation.

We can't afford to focus only on end-of pipe waste Management, we also do need to consider upstream issues. Diverting waste from disposal to recycling. Focus should be on waste prevention but rather on diversion of waste from landfill.

Suggestion for future procurement of this contract, Panel need more clarity about key implications. Two options has been mentioned in the paper for future decision, we need much more information, cost benefits analysis and financial investment on vehicle etc.

Financial Update

The Corporate Services O&S Panel considered the Cabinet report and unanimously approved the recommendations.

Maidenhead Golf Course – Stage 3 Procurement

The Corporate Services O&S Panel considered the Cabinet report and approved the recommendations subject to the following amendments (Cllr Brimacombe abstained from voting due to a declaration of interest):

- Add 'as outlined in the vision document approved by Council' to section 2.9 of the report to provide a reference point for the mentioned range of benefits.
- For section 7.1 mention that 'hopefully' new housing would be for local residents.
- That Cabinet notes the Panels comments made during the Part II discussion.