

The Executive – 24 March 2015

Minutes of the meeting of **The Executive** held on **24 March 2015** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr T G Cutmore
Vice Chairman: Cllr K H Hudson

Cllr K J Gordon

Cllr Mrs G A Lucas-Gill

Cllr Mrs J E McPherson

Cllr Mrs C E Roe

Cllr S P Smith

Cllr M J Steptoe

Cllr I H Ward

OFFICERS PRESENT

A Dave - Chief Executive
M Hotten - Assistant Director – Environmental Services
B Saunders - Street Scene Manager
J Bostock - Assistant Director – Democratic Services

65 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

66 MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITIES CONTRACT

Note: Cllr S P Smith declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in part of this item by virtue of his employment and left the meeting when there was discussion of recycling at schools.

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr K H Gordon, presented the exempt report on awarding the Material Recovery Facilities Contract.

During discussion it was observed that, whilst expenditure would be significant, report recommendations had been arrived at properly with all possible options having been considered. It was recognised that the Council's current three bin collection arrangement had been a great success and that the strength of community involvement in achieving results through this arrangement should not be underestimated. It would be important for the Council to retain the confidence of residents. It was also recognised that the Council had done all that was possible in terms of maximising the benefits of the previous contract.

The Executive noted that:-

- National price indices are published nationally.
- Whilst the cost associated with recycling at schools was in the region of £40-50k, this was relatively low in the context of the overall contract and could be seen as an investment.
- The current fine associated with land-fill was £150 per tonne.
- The joint procurement exercise with Basildon, Brentwood and Uttlesford Councils had kept the costs of procurement as low as possible.

Resolved

- (1) That the tender bid from Viridor at the charge identified in the exempt report be accepted.
- (2) That the current budgetary provision be retained for the four year life of the contract in order to safeguard against market volatility.
- (3) That the limited options available be noted.
- (4) That the decision in (1) above is urgent and not subject to call-in because of a risk that the offer made by the appointed contractor could be withdrawn, which would result in increased costs to the Council.
(AD – ES)

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chairman

Date

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