



Rochford District Council

To the Meeting of: FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES

On: 1 FEBRUARY 2000

Report of: HEAD OF ADMINISTRATIVE & MEMBER SERVICES

Title: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
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Report approved by

Minute 501 - Waste Contract Strategy Options

The Committee considered the confidential report of the Head of Administrative and Member Services, which sought endorsement of the recommendations from the Compulsory Competitive Tendering Panel of 2 December 1999. The relevant extract from the Minutes of that meeting was attached.

A copy of a letter from the County Waste & Capital Projects Manager regarding the District's contribution to the funding for the High Diversion Trial was circulated for Members' information. The possibility of securing some European funding was not considered a possibility due to timeframes, however some Environmental Trust funding might be available.

The Corporate Director of Finance & External Services confirmed that the Waste Contract Strategy needed to be as flexible as possible and that the Member Budget Monitoring Working Group would be considering the issue of resources.

Members felt that the letter from the County Council displayed a lack of understanding of the District's financial situation. However, it was important to demonstrate the District's commitment to a trial of this kind.

On a Motion proposed by Councillor D E Barnes and seconded by Councillor P F A Webster it was

Recommended to the Finance and General Purposes Committee:

- (1) That Option 2 which contains a provision enabling the Council to require alternate weekly collections of organic material and residual refuse in any

specified part, or all, of the District forms the basis of a collection contract for a period of seven years commencing on 1 April 2001. The specification should also contain an option for the contractor to collect dry recyclable material, which could be implemented if resources allow.

- (2) That consideration of the extension of the Hawkwell trial beyond 31 March 2001 be deferred, pending examination by the Member Budget Monitoring Working Group of the likely budgetary implications.
- (3) That the contract for collection of paper from 1100 litre banks be tendered separately for the period 1 April 2000 to 31 October 2004.
- (4) That the specification includes the Best Value principles outlined in the report.
- (5) That the contract requires the use of low emission vehicles and livery which reflects the Council's prevailing role.
- (6) That consideration be given to the use of consultants to assist in evaluation of the tenders and appointment of a contractor.