

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
1st September 2016

Report of the Head of Environmental Services

URGENT REPORT: TENDER FOR WASTE COMPACTING RECEPTACLES

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To clarify for commercial reasons, a tender specification, which cannot be delayed until the next meeting of the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the tender is redrafted to provide clarity to the tender specification for waste compacting receptacles as the Council report of 30th June 2016 specifically referred to the “Big Belly” product.
2. The Council will run a completely open tendering process for the waste compacting receptacles and will consider any products that meet the specification.

WARDS AFFECTED

All the District

STRATEGIC LINK

The waste compacting receptacles contribute towards the Council’s priority of providing a “clean green and prosperous Dales” and “thriving town centres”.

1 REASON FOR URGENCY

- 1.1 This report is tabled as an item of urgent business in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee. The reason for urgency is to provide clarity to a tender specification for waste compacting receptacles as the Council report of 30th June 2016 specifically referred to the “Big Belly” product.
- 1.2 The Council meeting on 30th June 2016 discussed the Capital Programme including a new project entitled “Big Belly Bins”. The revised Capital Programme as contained in the report was approved.
- 1.3 In line with the Council decision a tender was issued for procurement of Solar Powered waste compacting receptacles.
- 1.4 Following the release of the open tender, questions were raised about the tender and the precluding of other products with increased capacity on the market. As the Council report makes specific reference to the Big Belly bins clarification is sought from the Council on the queries raised.

2 REPORT

- 2.1 The proposal considered at the Council meeting on 30th June 2016 was to replace approximately 113 existing litter bins and install 47 Big Belly bins across 5 Town Centre locations, Bakewell, Ashbourne, Matlock, Wirksworth and Matlock Bath (was originally only Bakewell and Matlock Bath). The total cost of the bins is £199,186. The cost includes the unit price, 2 tubular ashtrays, delivery, installation, servicing and maintenance and the telemetry system required to monitor the bins for a period of five years
- 2.2 A trial of the bins took place in Matlock Bath in October last year whilst the illuminations event was running. From the trial alone which included replacing 12 street litter bins with 5 Big Belly bins we saw a reduction in labour hours (16 hours over 1 month), an 85% reduction in collections (372 empties reduced to 54) and resources such as bags and fuel.
- 2.3 Queries specific to the tender included the sizing of the product, the track record within the UK and the ash tray attachment. Concerns were also raised whether other products would be considered in light of the narrow specification. The tender has been redrafted to address these points which could have been seen to preclude other products.
- 2.4 The previous trial of the Big Belly Bins demonstrated that there are better and more cost efficient methods of litter management which could be used by the Council such as the use of products with monitoring capability to reduce the amount of collections required. The Council seek to tender for waste receptacle products which would deliver a similar or better outcome and the specification has been revised accordingly so that similar products are not precluded from bidding on the tender.
- 2.5 The Council will run a completely open tendering process for the waste compacting receptacles and will consider any products that meet the specification.

3 RISK ASSESSMENT

3.1 Legal

The Council is required to run an open tendering process, the initial tender was called into question and a replacement tender has been issued that should not favour any specific product or company. The Legal risk is therefore low.

3.2 Financial

The Council has identified a budget for the project that can be adapted dependent on the tender submitted. The financial risk is therefore low.

3.3 Corporate Risk

The redrafted tender specification takes account of the points raised. The Corporate risk is therefore low.

4 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

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6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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