



RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION – Part 3 Section 16

DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION TAKEN BY: Director of Environment & Operations
PORTFOLIO AREA: Environmental Services

SUBJECT:

Award of the contract for the collection and treatment of street sweepings waste (2022-2027)

1. DECISION

1.1 It is recommended that the above contract is awarded to Suez Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd as they are highest scoring bidder taking into account price and quality.

2. REASON FOR DECISION

2.1 The council require a supplier for the provision of the above service. The existing 5 year contract is due to expire on 31st July 2022. A tender process has been carried out through the CHEST procurement system, with the price/ quality model identified as 55%/35% (plus 10% social value), with a minimum quality score of 50% required from bidders to be considered for award.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The requirement for the provision of the disposal of municipal solid waste (MSW) – of which street sweepings waste is an element - is a statutory duty on Blackburn with Darwen BC, acting in its capacity as a waste disposal authority (WDA).

Specialist facilities for the treatment of this waste stream, such as street sweeping waste, have only evolved in the last few years. Prior to that, it was sent to landfill and not recycled.

The tender process was completed via the Chest procurement portal (in consultation with the Council Procurement team). The evaluation was based on a 55% price and 35% quality model, with a further 10% allocated for Social Value.

It should be highlighted that street sweepings tonnages varies annually, both due to weather and the level/frequency of street cleansing provided, but an approximate annual contract cost is £60 000 which is within existing budget provision. The price per tonne through this new contract is within existing budgets and considerably less than the cost of sending the waste to disposal. The contract rates during the 5 years of the contract will be adjusted each year in line with RPIX.

Two bids were received and evaluated by a panel of 3 officers. The unsuccessful bidder's submission (Acumen, the incumbent contractor) was considered but after scoring (56.6 out of 100), was rejected based on MEAT (most economically advantageous). The successful bidder is Suez Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd.

Both bids scored well on quality but when combined with the price and social value scores, Suez came out with the overall highest score (90.3 out of 100).

4. KEY ISSUES AND RISKS

4.1 The existing contract had no extension clause included in the terms and condition.

4.2 The Executive Member has been briefed prior to the commencement of the procurement exercise

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None. There is an existing budget for the service and the price per tonne comes within the existing budget provision.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None. The proposed arrangement is compliant with Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council's Contract Procurement Procedure Rules.

7. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

7.1 An extension to the existing contract was not possible since this was not included in the previous tender procurement exercise.

Further information is available from the report author.

8. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

8.1 All Declarations of Interest of the officer with delegation and the any Member who has been consulted, and note of any dispensation granted should be recorded below:

None

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:	None

Signed:



Director Martin Eden

Date: 10 June 2022