

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	11 March 2024
Title:	Waste Disposal Contract 2030 and Options Appraisal
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services notes the contents and recommendations of the report appended to the supporting report and approves the following recommendations regarding a project appraisal in 2024 to inform the procurement of the Waste Disposal Service Contract (WDSC) post 2030:
- a) Approve the proposed programme of work and governance arrangements.
 - b) Give authority to the Assistant Director for Waste and Environmental Services, through their role on the Strategic Tripartite Board, within the approvals set out below to progress the options appraisal work, including procurement of external contractors and expenditure.
 - c) Approve in principle the proposed programme budget of £1.236million up to the financial year 2030/31.
 - d) Approve and commit to supporting the resource requirements to deliver the programme within the budget.
 - e) Approve the spend of £331,100 in 2024/25 on the options appraisal as detailed in the report.
 - f) Delegate authority to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to approve any minor amendments that may be required to the Tripartite Agreement to support this programme.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. This decision is required in order to inform future decision making to ensure that the County Council is able to continue to discharge its statutory function as a waste disposal authority once the current Waste Disposal Service Contract expires on 31 December 2030.
- 2.2. This decision will enable the County Council, working with its Tripartite partners Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council to determine the most effective approach for discharging its statutory duties with regards to waste disposal and set out the work needed to put these arrangements in place.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The option to not undertake the options analysis has been considered and rejected. Due to both the significant cost and risks associated with the waste disposal service it is critical that a robust options appraisal is undertaken to determine the optimal and most efficient way forward for delivering these services for Hampshire residents from 2031 onwards.
- 3.2. The option to undertake this options analysis work as a single authority has been considered and rejected. By continuing to work with Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils we are able to benefit from the economies of scale associated with tonnage arising across the three authority areas and therefore it is likely best value will be achieved by considering the options within that context.
- 3.3. In addition, having jointly invested in the current waste disposal infrastructure there would be both significant cost and complexity to enable any party to disengage from the Tripartite arrangements.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by: -----	Date: 11 March 2024
Executive Lead Member for Universal Services Councillor Nick Adams-King	