

7 PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENT – UPLIFT TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL OF RESIDUAL WASTE

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Estates seeking approval to commence tendering procedures for the procurement of a two year and one month contract, with the potential to extend by 24 months if required, for the Uplift Treatment and Disposal of Residual Waste for West Lothian Council. The anticipated start date of the contract was 1 August 2012.

The Head of Finance and Estates explained that the council was currently working to develop a long term solution for waste management to comply with the requirements of the Landfill Directive and the anticipated Zero Waste (Scotland) Regulations, and was in the closing stages of a procurement process designed to deliver a residual waste treatment facility, which was expected to become operational during 2014.

The report advised that it was intended to appoint one contractor to provide plant and road haulage services in respect of waste from the transfer station at Deans to an appropriately licensed waste management facility, and up to four contractors to receive waste collected and delivered direct to contractor's treatment/disposal sites by the council.

The output specification formed part of the contract which would assist the authority in implementing its Integrated Waste Management Plans, production of Biennial reports and discharging their duties under section 53(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and other relevant legislation.

An Open Procedure was proposed, establishing a contract divided into two Lots with potential contractors able to submit bids for one or both lots. It was therefore recommended that the price be set no higher than 60% to allow for adequate weighting to be given to Quality of Service which had a direct impact on reducing land fill costs.

The report went on to advise that a budget of £5.1m existed covering the uplift and disposal of residual waste to landfill. The budget included an allowance for landfill tax which was payable at the rate of £56 per tonne in 2011/2012, escalating at a rate of £8 per tonne per year.

It was recommended that the Council Executive approve the application of the evaluation methodology for the tendering of the Uplift Treatment and Disposal of Residual Waste PS1408.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.