

CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS LOG

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<p>The specification mentions household batteries as a target material. We would normally expect these to be collected separately because of the risk of ignition.</p>	<p>It is recognised that not all co-mingled Dry Mixed Recycling (DMR) streams include household batteries as they are not compatible with all Material Recovery Facility (MRF) sorting processes and because of the safety risk associated with them being a potential source of ignition. The reason that they are included as a target material is that they are currently included within our DMR as our current Contractor can accept them and sort them as part of their MRF sorting process. Should this not be possible for any Bidder they should indicate whether: a. they will accept household batteries for recycling as long as these are presented as a separate waste stream; or b. they are unable to accept any household batteries for recycling, irrespective of how they are presented. On the basis of a Bidder indicating either a. or b. as above, as household battery recycling is done at no cost to the Council, the only impact would be a need to change collection arrangements. It is therefore, suggested that there would be no impact on the financial elements of the Bid. It is noted that household batteries contribute a negligible amount to the overall DMR waste stream, to the point that they do not register as either a tonnage or a percentage on the 'Fractions' document provided to Bidders as Appendix 2 to Document One (Instructions to Bidders).</p>
<p>Part 3: Selection Questions, Question 4.2 requires self-certification that a minimum level of economic and financial standing and/or minimum financial threshold within the evaluation criteria is achieved. Such criteria does not appear to be specified within the Selection Questionnaire. Could the Council therefore please confirm that no minimum level of economic and financial standing is required for this procurement?</p>	<p>It is correct that no minimum level of economic and financial standing is required for this procurement, although the Successful Bidder will have to evidence that they have sufficient financial resources to sustain the contract. It is noted that Bidders may be asked to submit their latest set of audited accounts and should be aware of the requirements for a performance bond or guarantee as per clause 42 of the Terms and Conditions document.</p>