

Soft Market Engagement - Dry Recycling Services

Introduction

West Northamptonshire Council is a unitary authority formed in 2021 from the former areas of Daventry District Council, Northampton Borough Council and South Northamptonshire Council.

The waste and recycling collection arrangements from the three previous sovereign waste collection authorities remain in place.

Background

The former Daventry District Council area has 38,000 households and operates a fortnightly co-mingled recycling service collected via the joint venture West Northamptonshire Norse. DMR is delivered into a single transfer station in Daventry, operated by WN Norse. Around 9,600 tonnes per year is collected. The contract for this material ends in June 2023.

The former South Northamptonshire Council area has 42,000 households and operates a fortnightly co-mingled recycling service collected via the in-house service. DMR is delivered into a single transfer station operated by a third-party private company and subject to a separate contract. Around 10,500 tonnes per year is collected. The contract for this material ends in February 2024.

We are seeking a contract for the transport, sorting and processing of the co-mingled dry recycling.

Market Engagement

We would like, at this stage prior to commencing formal procurement, to seek input from the market as to what the appetite is for undertaking this service and to allow an opportunity to discuss options for the delivery of future provision. Some of the issues we are seeking input on include contract length, pricing mechanisms, risk sharing, the state of the market, current MRF capacity and mobilisation periods.

The Council intends to hold an open information session for all interested organisations to be held via scheduled meetings on TEAMS on 1 and 2 February 2023, due to this we may have to cap the maximum amount of interested parties, but please be assured this will not impact your ability to participate in the impending tender opportunity.

If you wish to attend, please contact: daryl.read@westnorthants.gov.uk by close of play 27 January 2023 stating who will attend on behalf of your organisation.