

Soft Market Engagement – Residual Waste Treatment and Disposal

Introduction

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

The Council has a statutory duty to act as a Waste Collection Authority and as a Waste Disposal Authority and deliver all associated functions, including the kerbside collection of resident's waste & recyclables, making arrangements for the treatment of this material and providing Household Waste Recycling Centres for residents to take their additional household waste for treatment and disposal.

Background

The Council currently has 2 contracts for the treatment and disposal of residual waste which are due to expire on 31 March 2025.

The scope of the current contracts include:

- the provision of waste transfer facilities where residual waste collected from residents at the kerbside and at the Council's network of household waste recycling centres is delivered and bulked for onward transport;
- The haulage of residual waste to its end destination;
- The treatment and disposal of residual waste.

The Council estimates it will manage more than 95,000 tonnes of residual waste annually by 2025 and currently 90% of this is treated using available capacity in waste treatment facilities within the UK.



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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, market capacity for treatment, waste transfer options, and options to improve the service.

The Council intends to engage with interested organisations via a three stage process:

1. An open information session held via MS Teams on Friday 14 July 2023 at 11:00. This session will last for up to one hour and will be an opportunity for the council to present context & background and for organisations to ask questions.
2. A questionnaire will be issued to help inform the Council's decisions as it starts to take decisions about the future HWRC services that it will provide. The questionnaire will be issued week commencing 17 July 2023 for return by 25 August 2023.
3. The Council will hold meetings with individual interested parties on 15 September 2023 and 18 September 2023. These meetings will be held via MS Teams. Due to time constraints we will limit the number of meetings we are able to hold and therefore may need to limit attendees.

If you wish to attend (1) the open information session on Friday 14 July 2023, please contact: daryl.read@westnorthants.gov.uk by close of play Wednesday 12 July 2023 stating who will attend on behalf of your organisation and include an e-mail address for the link to the meeting to be sent to.

If you are unable to attend the open information session, but you would like to receive a copy of the (2) questionnaire, please contact daryl.read@westnorthants.gov.uk by close of play Monday 17 July 2023.

Participation in this process will not impact your ability to engage with the future tender opportunity.

Household Waste Recycling Centre Contracts

The Council is also planning a market engagement session to seek input into new contract(s) for its Household Waste Recycling Centre services, since its current contracts are due to expire on 31 March 2025. A separate notice has been published via Contracts Finder.