



Portfolio Holder Report

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Report of:	Portfolio Holder	Date of publication
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The Award of the Bulky Household Waste Collection Contract

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To agree the outcome of the evaluation exercise for the bulky household waste collection contract, in order to award the contract.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 Delivery of the Business Plan key priorities:
- Collaborate with our partners to respond to climate change issues and;
 - Implement initiatives and promote activity to help achieve a cleaner, greener Wyre.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That following the detailed evaluation process, Wyre and Blackpool Councils award the Contract for Bulky Waste collections to Calico Enterprise Ltd, Burnley Lancashire. The contract is for a period of two years with the option to extend for a further two years subject to budget, demand and a satisfactory review. The total tender price for both council's in year one is £169,975. This is inclusive of premises rent and Wyre's element is £50,993 which equates to 30%. Certain elements e.g. staff costs, will be subject to inflation in future years.
- 3.2 Wyre will also be required to contribute to vehicle costs under a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Blackpool Council and this is estimated to cost £9,000 per annum.
- 3.3 That approval is given to continue the arrangement based on a SLA with Blackpool Council to jointly manage the Bulky Waste Contract.

4. Background

- 4.1** In March 2011, the council agreed to enter into an Agreement with Furniture Matters, Lancaster City Council and Blackpool Council for the provision of a pilot scheme for the bulky waste collection service for a period of 16 months, after which it was agreed to undertake a formal procurement process in conjunction with Blackpool Council.
- 4.2** A contract was subsequently awarded in August 2012 to Furniture Matters (now part of the Calico Group) and a Service Level Agreement with Blackpool for an initial term of five years with the option to extend for a further two years which was accepted by all parties.
- 4.3** A further procurement process in 2019 saw the contract awarded again to Furniture Matters in partnership with Blackpool Council for two years.
- 4.4** The introduction of the service has seen a marked improvement in service delivery to customers and the high customer satisfaction levels reflect this. Customers can get refrigerated units collected cheaper than other contractors and are offered a choice of appointment slots, including evenings and weekends.
- 4.4** The diversion from landfill through reuse and recycling has been adversely impacted over the last 18 months as a result of service changes owing to the Covid-19 pandemic; meaning items had to be left outside for collection. However, it is envisaged that this will recover as we transition out of the pandemic restrictions.
- 4.5** Working in partnership with Blackpool Council offers Wyre Council economies of scale as they have a greater demand for the service with a higher number of households and can offer warehousing / depot facilities at a reduced rate. Whilst a longer contract period would have been preferable to provide greater continuity, Blackpool Council could only commit to a shorter contract term owing to the ongoing development of their arm's length company Enveco which will undertake waste and environmental services.

5. Key Issues and Proposals

- 5.1** The procurement process was undertaken in partnership during June and July 2021 to select a single supplier to provide the bulky waste collection service. Blackpool was the Lead Authority.
- 5.2** The council invited tenders through the e-tendering portal The Chest, in a one stage Open process, and the opportunity was also advertised on the UK Government 'Find a Tender' service (which replaced OJEU), and Contracts Finder in compliance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

- 5.3** Seven suppliers registered an interest in the opportunity and one supplier submitted a tender.
- 5.4** Calico Enterprise Ltd was selected as the preferred and only bidder, having submitted proposals which still offered an advantageous combination of price, quality and social value.
- 5.5** It is recommended that the Supplier be awarded the Bulky Household Waste Collection Contract for the councils detailed in this report for the tendered price of £171,175 in year one (Wyre's element being £50,993) commencing 1 October 2021. Certain elements of the contract will be subject to inflation in future years.
- 5.6** Members should note that Wyre will also pay an estimated £9,000 each year for the vehicles shared between Wyre and Blackpool Councils as per the SLA with Blackpool Council.

6. Delegated Functions

- 6.1** The matters referred to in this report are considered under the following Executive Function delegated to the Street Scene Portfolio Holder (as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution): "To consider arrangements for the design and provision of services for refuse collection, street cleansing, and litter control (including beach and foreshore cleaning)".

Financial and legal implications	
Finance	The projected cost to Wyre Council in year one compared to the current budget of £59,070 is £59,993 (3430/27009/2706). The slight increase in contract service costs can be met from increased income from the service and the budget will be raised from £50,000 to £51,000 accordingly (3430/93419). The tender prices with the supplier will be fixed for the first 12 months of the contract, with only wages rising in line with inflation each year thereafter. The SLA with Blackpool Council will be extended on an open book accounting basis and this will be used to monitor the level of vehicle and property costs to ensure value for money is maintained; with CPI applied to the premises rental.
Legal	Compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended following Brexit) has been and will be adhered to and legal agreements will be entered into with Blackpool Council and the Supplier for the provision of this service.

Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
climate change	✓
ICT	x
data protection	x

Processing Personal Data

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List of background papers:

name of document	date	where available for inspection
None		

List of appendices

None

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