

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CABINET – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR (RESIDENT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS)

**Extension of Sale of Newspaper contract**

**1 Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The Council is the Lead Authority in a consortium of councils that collects and sells their recovered newsprint
- 1.2 This report considers the extension of the current contract

**2 Recommendation(s)**

- 2.1 To extend the contract with Palm Recycling Limited for one year (from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024)

**3 Explanation**

- 3.1 In January 2021, Cabinet agreed to award a contract to Palm Recycling Limited for the processing of recovered newsprint.
- 3.2 This Council is the Lead Authority for the Herts paper consortium and its members include:
- Broxbourne Borough Council
  - Chelmsford City Council
  - East Herts District Council
  - Hertsmere Borough Council
  - North Herts District Council
  - Stevenage Borough Council
  - Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
- 3.3 Members of the consortium collect paper from residents (mainly by kerbside collections, but also some bank collections) and then sells this material for reprocessing. The majority of the consortium members collect paper separated (known as News and Pams), whilst Broxbourne and Stevenage (and a very small amount from this council from banks) collect mixed paper and card. There is different pricing for these types of paper as the separation process is more onerous.
- 3.4 The pricing is based on the paper indices, with an additional uplift per tonne and a minimum price.
- 3.5 Welwyn Hatfield BC hold the contract with Palm Recycling Limited and have an SLA with the other members of the consortium, enabling them to call off the contract.

- 3.6 All members of the consortium are happy with the performance of the Contractor and are receiving good levels of income and recommend that the contract is extended by a further year

### **Implications**

#### **4 Legal Implication(s)**

- 4.1 There is provision in the existing contract to extend it by a further year. Therefore the extension would be in accordance with regulation 72 (modification of contracts during their term) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

#### **5 Financial Implication(s)**

- 5.1 Each of the consortium members receive an income from the contract. This varies on a monthly basis in accordance with paper indices. The current rate for News and Pam is £112.50 per tonne.

#### **6 Risk Management Implications**

- 6.1 There are minimal risk implications in relation to this recommendation

#### **7 Security and Terrorism Implication(s)**

- 7.1 No new implication relating to this recommendation.

#### **8 Procurement Implication(s)**

- 8.1 See Legal Implications

#### **9 Climate Change Implication(s)**

- 9.1 No new implication relating to this recommendation.

#### **10 Human Resources Implication(s)**

- 10.1 No new implication relating to this recommendation.

#### **11 Health and Wellbeing Implication(s)**

- 11.1 No new implication relating to this recommendation.

#### **12 Communication and Engagement Implication(s)**

- 12.1 No new implication relating to this recommendation.

#### **13 Link to Corporate Priorities**

- 13.1 The subject of this report is linked to the following Council's Corporate Priorities:
- Protect and Enhance the Environment;
  - Help build a Strong Local Economy; and
  - Engage with our communities and provide value for money

**14 Equality and Diversity**

- 14.1 An EqlA was not completed because this report does not propose changes to existing service-related policies or the development of new service-related policies.

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