



CABINET (SPECIAL MEETING)

4TH DECEMBER 2014

AGENDA ITEM (5)

NOTICE OF MOTION - COLLECTION OF RESIDUAL AND RECYCLABLE WASTE FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Accountable Member	Councillor Sue Coakley Cabinet Member for Environment and Communities
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Purpose of Report	To provide the Cabinet with an update in respect of the Motion submitted to the Council on 13 th May 2014 that requested that Ubico collect residual and recyclable waste from all Cotswold district primary schools as part of the domestic collections.
Recommendation(s)	That the Cabinet considers the Motion, notes the actions taken and endorses the proposed way forward.
Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)	Officers and Members met with Councillor PR Hodgkinson (the Proposer of the Motion) and a representative for the local schools in June to discuss the Motion and an agreed outcome was reached.

Ward(s) Affected	All
Key Decision	No
Recommendation to Council	No

Financial Implications	No financial costs/implications arise immediately from the proposed way forward.
Legal and Human Rights Implications	None
Environmental and Sustainability Implications	None
Human Resource Implications	None
Key Risks	None

Equalities Analysis	Any future change to the schools contract agreed by GCC would undergo the appropriate equalities analysis.
Related Decisions	Notice of Motion - CL.83 (1) - Council Meeting, 13 th May 2014
Background Documents	None
Appendices	None
Performance Management Follow Up	Waste performance figures are monitored monthly and quarterly and reported to the Cabinet Member, and Members generally through quarterly performance monitoring reports.
Options for Joint Working	Action undertaken was delivered in partnership with the Joint Waste Team.

Background Information

1. At the Meeting of the Council held on 13th May 2014, the following Motion was Proposed by Councillor PR Hodgkinson and Seconded by Councillor DJ Nash:

'This Council notes the savings which the waste company UBICO will be making over the next 5 years of £5 million.

It therefore commits to ask UBICO to use a very small part of those savings to collect residual and recyclable waste from all Cotswold district primary schools as part of the domestic collections.

This will save those schools an average of £5,000 over 5 years in the waste collection costs they currently have to pay to private rubbish companies - money which can instead go directly to children's education.'

2. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12, the Motion, having been Proposed and Seconded, was referred to the Cabinet for consideration. In the light of such referral, the Proposer and Secunder of the Motion are entitled to attend the Cabinet Meeting and present it formally to Members. The Proposer of the Motion will also have an opportunity to respond to the Cabinet debate, immediately prior to final comments by the accountable Cabinet Member and the formal vote.

3. Officers from the Council and the Joint Waste Team (JWT), together with District and County Council Members representing the Joint Waste Committee (JWC), met with Councillor Hodgkinson and a representative from the Schools to discuss the Motion in greater detail. This Meeting took place on 23rd June 2014.

4. The purpose of the Meeting was to:-

- understand the waste collection issues for schools (contract issues, quality issues, operational issues, value for money)
- understand the financial issues for schools (level of the financial support being requested)
- provide an understanding of the role of the JWC, County Council, District Councils, and Ubico Ltd
- establish and agree a way forward.

5. The outcome and agreed way forward were as follows:-

- the JWT agreed to meet with the County Council's Contracts Officers to discuss the outcome of the Schools Waste Meeting;
- initial meetings with the County Council's Traded Services Team have now taken place and the Team is very supportive of the request to bring forward the premises waste and recycling contract review. The Group, which comprises the JWT and County Council Officers, has begun to scope out the key issues and has appointed a Project Manager;
- future meetings will look to undertake a review of what a future contract offering (if any) might look like, for example what is included and how it is structured. Part of this process will be to talk to current service users, including Schools and other establishments;
- the outcome of this review will then steer any future arrangements that may replace the current ones in September 2016. It is envisaged that the review would take place over the next four-six months and, if it is decided to set up a new contract, procurement will commence in the 2015/16 business plan year;
- one option that will have to be considered in the review is whether or not Schools are included at all on any contract, or whether or not the District Councils want to service Schools directly as household waste outside any commercial contract arrangements.

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