

Report of: Service Manager (Waste Management Operations)

Report to: Deputy Chief Officer Waste Management

Date: 6th July 2018

Subject: MetroSTOR Wheeled Bin Enclosure Trial

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| Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the decision eligible for Call-In? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
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SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

1. The Council has a duty under a range of policies and legislation to collect waste arising from households in the Leeds district in an effective way. Because of the diverse nature of the city a blanket approach to services is not always appropriate and solutions have to be tailored to individual areas.
2. Waste Management Officers are aware of a new type of bin enclosure provided by MetroSTOR that offer benefits in terms of appearance and security but also has the potential to positively influence waste management behaviour in communities where engagement has been difficult. A trial of the stores is needed to fully test what advantages could be seen in Leeds.
3. The market for enclosures of this kind is extremely limited and a small scale trial does not warrant the time and resource of a full procurement exercise. To purchase the enclosures without seeking competition the Deputy Chief Officer for Waste Management is required to approve a waiver of the Councils Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs).

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Deputy Chief Officer for Waste Management is recommended to note the contents of this report and approve the waiver of CPRs 8.1 and 8.2 to enable LCC Waste Operations section to purchase a limited number of WasteSTORs systems without seeking competition in order to assess their effectiveness.

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 This report aims to provide sufficient information to the Deputy Chief Officer for Waste Management to justify a waiver of CPRs allowing the purchase of bin enclosures without seeking competition. It further seeks to comply with CPRs in respect to a formal record of that decision.

2 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 WasteSTORs are modular bin enclosures manufactured by MetroSTOR that are designed to provide a robust but aesthetically pleasing solution to the issues associated with collection operations and bin storage.
- 2.2 From the perspective of collections the modular design offers flexibility to tailor solutions to different locations. The security offered by the lockable enclosures restricts contamination of the waste streams and the design which is specific to communal bins offers practical benefits such as no edge space for material to escape the container.
- 2.3 Introducing quality enclosures of this nature has been linked with improvements in environmental health issues in localised areas. There is a reduction in flytipping and problems with bulky waste and as an overall positive environmental influence to a community, features of anti-social behaviour are seen to be lessened.

3 MAIN ISSUES

- 3.4 There have been ongoing waste issues at Hazelwood Close (Burmantofts) and Fillingfir Drive (West Park) including fly tipping and incorrect waste/recycling placed in bins which have identified them as locations for a different approach to waste collections and a trial of bin enclosures.
- 3.5 The market for bin stores of this nature is extremely restricted and none are currently considered to offer a solution potentially as complete as Metro Store's WasteSTORs. At the moment the potential benefits have to be speculated due to lack of Leeds specific information which is why they need to be tested to inform a wider bin store strategy.
- 3.6 As collections in the city become increasingly challenging the Waste Management service is looking to innovation and being proactive with issues in their entirety rather than dealing with short term reactive solutions.

4 CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 It is not considered that the content of this report or the recommendations made will have a significant impact on any particular ward or community, and as such no consultations have taken place.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and the potential impacts on individuals or groups in terms of equality, diversity, cohesion and integration have been recorded and will be monitored going forward.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 It is paramount that procurements in the authority are undertaken with a view to ensuring openness, transparency and fairness. A waiver of the contract procedure rules must be treated in the same way and this report ensures compliance with the regulations.
- 4.3.2 From a Waste Management perspective this trial aims to address the principles of the LCC Environmental Policy preventing pollution and minimising our environmental impact. Similarly the objectives of the Best Council Plan are reflected in the purchase of the enclosures through the target to deal effectively with the city's waste.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 The anticipated spend for the trial is £33k funded through existing Waste Management budget identified for recycling infrastructure improvements.
- 4.4.2 The price offered delivers value for money for the Council as the spend is not just the purchase of bin stores but an investment in areas identified as having higher levels of deprivation.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.6 As a Significant Operational Decision this DDR is not subject to Call-in but will be published on the decision register.

4.7 Risk Management

- 4.7.1 The principle risk of not investing in/trailing new types of bin enclosures is that the problems that have been seen in some areas continue to escalate which is resource intensive not only for Waste Management but for the Council as a whole as a range of teams including Housing and CNT are affected.
- 4.7.2 There is a potential risk of challenge from a competitor by not opening up an opportunity to the market. This is considered highly unlikely due to the lack of competition in this immature narrow market. Any such challenge would be mitigated by the potential for a full procurement following any successful trial.

5 CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 The provision of bin enclosures is an important part of waste management infrastructure that ensures effective and efficient services can be delivered. Using quality products that improve the overall perception of an area bring wider reaching benefits than for the collections alone.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Deputy Chief Officer for Waste Management is recommended to note the contents of this report and approve the waiver of CPRs 8.1 and 8.2 to enable LCC Waste Operations section to purchase a limited number of WasteSTORs systems without seeking competition in order to assess their effectiveness.

7 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS¹

7.1 In compiling this report no additional background papers were used.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.