

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday 13 November 2002</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Cleansing Contracts</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Councillor Harris on behalf of the Cabinet.</b>
<p>1. The purpose of this report is to ask the full Council to pass resolutions that will permit the Cabinet to make decisions in respect of the letting of cleansing contracts in advance of the Council formally approving next year's budget.</p> <p>2. A copy of the report on this matter was circulated to all Members with the Scrutiny Committee agenda for the meeting on 11 November 2002 (item 11) to which reference should be made. Further copies are available on request – please see end of this report. The recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee will be presented to the Council within the minutes of their meeting. These will be circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>3. Please be advised that any consideration of detailed contractual and related financial matters should take place in the confidential part of the agenda under item 11(a).</p> <p>4. The Council is also asked to consider the Cabinet minute and resolutions from the meeting held on 2 October 2002. These are set out on the following page.</p> <p>5. The Cabinet is due to receive a further report on this matter at their meeting on 5 December 2002 with a view to authorising the necessary contractual commitments to be made to provide for the new cleansing contracts to be in place for 1 April 2003.</p>	
<p><b><u>The Council is recommended to:-</u></b></p> <p>(1) Endorse the decision of the Cabinet at their meeting on the 2 October in respect of contract and tendering arrangements.</p> <p>(2) Consider the proposals set out in my report, as Chairman of the Cleansing Contracts Project Management Board, to the Scrutiny Committee and any views made by the Scrutiny Committee thereon.</p> <p>(3) Formally acknowledge the budgetary implications in 2003/04 and future years of the Council proceeding on the lines proposed by the Cabinet and as given in the report to Scrutiny Committee in advance of the Council formally approving their next year's budget and to record this as variation to the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.</p> <p>(4) Authorise the Cabinet to agree contractual commitments in respect of the letting of cleansing contracts as outlined in the reports to the Cabinet and the Scrutiny Committee subject to any necessary amendments in the light of the Scrutiny Committee's findings and any other considerations reported to the Council meeting.</p>	

## Minute Extract

### CABINET – 2 October 2002

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**CLEANSING CONTRACTS.** Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities on progress towards the procurement of the refuse collection and street cleansing contracts, public conveniences cleansing and attendant services contract and the dog litter bins and associated signs contract; all of which were due for renewal on 1 April 2003. It was intended that a further report would be made to the Cabinet in December following a report to the Scrutiny Committee in November with the objective of awarding contracts prior to Christmas 2002 for implementation on the 1 April 2003. This final decision would also require the approval of full Council as a variation to the Budget and Policy Framework in view of the significant financial implications for the coming and future years.

Mr R Stiggers was permitted to address the Cabinet on this matter further to notice given under Council Procedure Rule No. 11. His comments were mainly in respect of the Council's consultation arrangements. The Director of Planning Regeneration and Amenities highlighted the consultations with representatives of the local community undertaken through the best value review of refuse collection and street cleansing and the Environmental Forum. In addition significant coverage had been provided in the local newspaper and an invitation given to residents to complete and return a comment slip.

**RESOLVED: (Key Decision)** (1) That the contract for dog litter bins and associated signs may be extended for a period of two years should a more favourable tender not be received through the procurement process and otherwise subject to satisfactory negotiations with the current contractor.

(2) That the contracts for refuse collection and street cleansing be let to one contractor.

(3) That subject to receiving an acceptable tender for the refuse collection contract:-

(a) a borough-wide wheeled bin service for weekly collection of household waste be introduced;

(b) a borough-wide recycling box service for the fortnightly collection of recyclables from households be approved; and

(c) that where practical, or where an exemption may not be justifiably given, households within the borough will be provided with a wheeled bin and a recycling box of suitable dimensions for the storage and collection of their waste.

(4) That at the same time as the wheeled bin service and recycling box service is introduced the collection of "side waste" is actively discouraged.

(5) That subject to receiving an acceptable tender for the collection of mixed glass, paper (including newsprint and magazines) and cans these materials be set aside for disposal by the contractor and/or disposal authority.

(6) To note that although the above will significantly improve the Council's recycling rate it will not enable the Council to fully meet the

investment at a later date.

(7) That the Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities be requested to prepare a 10-year waste strategy for the Council to be submitted to Cabinet for consideration no later than March 2003.

(8) To request the Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities to advise the Director of Transport and Environment, East Sussex County Council of the Council's intention to improve its recycling service in order that the Director may inform the current process for the letting of the integrated waste management services contract to be let jointly by Brighton and Hove City Council and East Sussex County Council for the disposal of the County's waste.

(9) That the setting in place of the Project Management Board to oversee the implementation and monitoring of the refuse collection and street cleansing contracts be endorsed and that the relevant Cabinet Member, Opposition Spokesperson, Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities, Director of Finance and Corporate Services and a nominated director of the appointed refuse collection and street cleansing contractor constitute the Board membership.

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