

**WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING CONTRACT TRIAL ALLOWING  
ACCEPTANCE OF TRADE WASTE AT BIDSTON HWRC  
WDA/05/11**

**Recommendation**

That:

1. Members approve the implementation of a trial allowing acceptance of trade waste at the Bidston Household Waste Recycling Centre as outlined in this report.

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**Report of the Director**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To seek Members approval to implement a trial allowing local small businesses to deposit their trade waste (for a charge) within a dedicated area at the Bidston Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC).

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The proposal to implement a Trial allowing trade waste to be accepted at Bidston HWRC is made with the aim of reducing the Authorities operating costs by generating an income from profits made from the new service. The proposed new service supports the Central Government requirement for Local Authorities to provide 'more for less' in provision of services amidst cuts to Local Authority funding and budgets.
- 2.2 Also, allowing trade waste inputs is intended to provide a waste disposal service to small traders who have been displaced from using the HWRC's since the recent introduction of the HWRC Commercial Vehicle Permit Scheme.
- 2.3 Developing the HWRC service to allow trade waste inputs is intended to develop a new income stream to the Authority from Veolia.
- 2.4 As part of the Operational Review (Report WDA/11/10) the Director committed to examine the capacity and suitability for HWRC's to accept trade waste, considering also the likely costs for any infrastructure changes and any Planning requirements.
- 2.5 At the Operational Review workshop on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010 Members indicated that suitable existing and proposed new sites should be considered. Accordingly the Director has identified Bidston HWRC to be suitable for a trial allowing local small businesses to deposit their trade waste for a charge.

- 2.6 Veolia have secured planning consent allowing the necessary developments to the Bidston HWRC to take place. A proposed site lay out plan is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.7 The Authority, pursuant to its duties under Section 51 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, may accept waste other than household waste at its Household Waste Recycling Centres, on terms of payment determined by the Authority.

### **3. Details of the proposed Trial**

- 3.1 It is intended that the Trial will commence approximately April 2011. The trade waste operational area will be contained in an area separate to the HWRC operation provided for householders and will not impact on the existing operation.
- 3.2 A review of the Trial will be undertaken six months later and the Director will subsequently report back to Members the results of the review prior to any implementation of a Pilot phase, subject to approval by Members.
- 3.3 The administration, financial management and on site trade waste operation will be provided by Veolia, acting as the existing Waste Management Recycling Contract Contractor. Veolia will be responsible for accepting the waste and arranging for appropriate reuse, recycling and disposal as required. Veolia will directly charge trade waste service users that access the facilities.
- 3.4 The Trial will require Authority officers and Veolia to consider the following points:
  - 3.4.1 Access Policy
  - 3.4.2 Marketing
  - 3.4.3 Charging mechanism
  - 3.4.4 Profit share between the Authority and Veolia
  - 3.4.5 Acceptable wastes
  - 3.4.6 Outlets for reuse, recycling and disposal
  - 3.4.7 Performance Reporting
  - 3.4.8 Indirect cost and effects i.e. municipal waste arisings and impact on Landfill Allowances.

#### 4. Risk Implications

4.1 The following risks have been identified:

<b>Identified Risk</b>	<b>Likelihood Rating</b>	<b>Consequence Rating</b>	<b>Risk Value</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
That trade waste is illegally deposited (as household waste) at the HWRC's at cost to MWDA	4	4	16	Undertake Trial and Pilot prior to full implementation.
That the standard of service (recycling performance and congestion) at the HWRC's is not optimised due to the illegal deposition of trade waste	3	3	9	Undertake Trial and Pilot prior to full implementation.
That fly tipping is not minimised due to unavailability of trade waste tipping facilities at Bidston HWRC	2	3	6	Undertake Trial and Pilot prior to full implementation.

## **5. HR Implications**

- 5.1 Officer time from within the existing Authority establishment will be necessary to implement the Trial.
- 5.2 Administration and operational resourcing shall be provided by Veolia.

## **6. Environmental Implications**

- 6.1 There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1 Implementation of the Pilot requires the following set up costs to be provided by the Authority:

Communications - £3,000

It is proposed that the total sum is provided from within the Authority's existing WMRC budget and therefore no additional budget provision is required to implicate the Trial.

- 7.2 All other costs associated with administering and operating the trial shall be met by Veolia and recovered by Veolia charging to trade service users. Veolia shall be responsible for meeting these costs and should any profits be made during the trial these shall be shared between the Authority and Veolia at a rate to be determined by the trial. Should the trial not make profit any losses shall be met by Veolia.
- 7.3 Upon completion of the trial the review shall consider:
  - 7.3.1 Number of customers and potential demand for the service going forward
  - 7.3.2 Costs and income generated
  - 7.3.3 Tonnage and recycling performance
  - 7.3.4 Numbers of vehicle visits
  - 7.3.5 Peak periods of demand for the service
  - 7.3.6 Acceptable waste types

## **8. Conclusion**

- 8.1 It is proposed that a Trial allowing local small businesses to deposit their trade waste (for a charge) within a dedicated area at the Bidston Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) is undertaken.
- 8.2 The Trial is intended to establish best practice elements, via review six months after commencement, to allow a pilot phase to be subsequently undertaken subject to further Members approval.
- 8.3 In the event the Trial proves successful and a pilot phase is implemented, it is intended that the scheme will generate an income stream to the Authority and provide a disposal facility to local small businesses, particularly those displaced from the HWRC's since the introduction of the Commercial Vehicle Permit Scheme.

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The background documents to this report are open to inspection in accordance with Section 100D of The Local Government Act 1972 - Nil.