

WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

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Subject: Waste Management Contracts Update

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Committee on performance of the new Waste and Resources and Household Waste Recycling Centre Management Services Contracts that commenced on 1st June 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is recommended to:

- i) Note and comment on the performance of the Contracts.

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Comments and/or recommendation from the relevant Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Risk Management – see paragraph 5.1

Legal Considerations – considered in the body of the report

Financial Consequences – Revenue – see paragraph 6.1

Financial Consequences – Capital – see paragraph 6.1

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Report to GM Waste & Recycling Committee 12 September 2019.

TRACKING/PROCESS	
Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution (paragraph 14.2) or in the process (paragraph 13.1 AGMA Constitution) agreed by the AGMA Executive Board:	No
EXEMPTION FROM CALL IN	
Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the Overview and Scrutiny on the grounds of urgency?	N/A

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report provides the Waste and Recycling Committee with an overview of performance of the Waste and Resources Management Services (WRMS) and the Household Waste Recycling Centre Management Services (HWRCMS) Contracts, with updates on key issues currently affecting the waste management services during this period.
- 1.2 Performance reporting provided uses verified data to the end of July 2019 (month 2 of the new Contracts).
- 1.3 An update of contract issues and developments is also provided, with details of how these have affected contract performance.

2. CONTRACT PERFORMANCE

- 2.1 Performance of the Contracts is monitored on a monthly basis, in arrears, via the Suez Contract Management Meeting, and the Contractor's Monthly Services Report.
- 2.2 This report uses verified Contract data, which at the time of writing is available for up to the end of July 2019.
- 2.3 Key performance categories for the Contracts are set out in the table below:

Combined Contracts 1 & 2 Position	Jun & Jul 19
Total arisings	195,818t
Recycling	93,588t
Recycling Rate	47.8%
Landfill disposal	11,089t
Diversion Rate	94.34%
HWRC performance	
Recycling Rate (Household Waste)	41.7%
Diversion (Household Waste)	93.8%
Diversion (Total Arising, incl. rubble)	94.9%
Runcorn CHP	
RDF to Runcorn	120,061t
Steam Exported	68,631t
Electricity Exported (MWh)	43,640t
Raikes Lane TRF	
Electricity Exported (MWh)	-
Longley Lane MRF	
Kerbside Recycling Rejections	126t
MRF Contamination Rate (Commingled)	17.8%

- 2.4 The total waste arisings for this period reached nearly 196k tonnes, slightly higher (less than 1%) than for the same period of last year (it should be noted that July 2018 had very hot weather which affected waste arisings – eg reducing seasonal garden waste levels, and affecting the year on year comparison). The overall recycling rate has increased by 0.5%, to almost 48%.
- 2.5 Despite the small increase in arisings, waste sent to landfill has reduced significantly with an overall Landfill Diversion rate of over 94% (c.4% better than last year). Diversion levels continue to be assisted by good levels of Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) being produced and sent for power and steam generation at the Runcorn Thermal Power Station (TPS).
- 2.6 HWRCs (9 sites in WRMS and 11 in HWRCMS) have a combined performance approaching 42% recycling rate and almost 94% diversion across all sites.
- 2.7 In summary, the first Contract month position shows overall diversion rates over 94% and recycling approaching 48%. Whilst overall arisings have risen slightly, this has been offset by more significant increases in both Recycling and Diversion levels.
- 2.8 Contamination levels of kerbside collected recyclates, from unacceptable materials extracted by the MRF process, have risen slightly and are approaching 18%, which is 0.5% higher than for this period last year. The tonnage of materials rejected at the point of reception, from collected WCA loads was c.126 tonnes, remaining significantly lower (over 50%) than for the previous year. Efforts continue to communicate the importance of accurate recycling by residents, with ongoing liaison group meetings with WCAs and targeted campaigns.

3. HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 3.1 Health and Safety statistics are provided monthly in the Contractor Monthly Services Reports for each Contract and are considered at the monthly Suez Contract Management meeting.
 - 3.1.1 Health and Safety data is reported in key categories, separating incidents involving the Contractor staff and operations, from those involving members of the public (MoP), plus a Near Miss category. Near miss, Incident and Notifiable Incident data is collected centrally and analysed to feed into local, regional and national lessons learned across the Contractor organisation (Suez) and communicated to all staff.
- 3.2 For the period of July 2019, unfortunately there were 2 RIDDOR incidents, which were the product of Lost Time Accidents (ie reportable as they resulted in more than 7 days lost time). One incident involved a hand injury whilst lifting a CRT TV unit and the other was muscle trauma following a slip / fall. Both incidents have been investigated and actions taken to prevent reoccurrence.

4. FACILITY MODIFICATIONS UPDATE

4.1 RELIANCE STREET, NEWTON HEATH

4.1.1 Preliminary ground investigation works commenced on-site in October to review ground gas measurements. Additional investigations of the existing retaining wall were also undertaken to determine the quantity of steel reinforcement within the existing wall. This is required to assist the design engineers define if the existing wall is capable of retaining the new MTR building.

4.2 CHICHESTER STREET, ROCHDALE

4.2.1 Preliminary site investigation works and mobilisation of appointed contactors commenced in August. This work mainly focused on testing of existing piles to be repurposed for the new TLS building footprint. Findings for the test undertaken have confirmed the piles are structurally intact with minimal ground settlement, meaning they can be reused for the new building location.

4.2.2 Other works in September focussed on site clearance for the existing concrete slabs and footing in preparation for the new building. Delivery of this scheme is intended for September 2020.

4.2.3 A revised planning application was required for the new biowaste TLS location as this differed from the original building footprint. Planning permission for the new layout was granted in October.

4.3 NASH ROAD, TRAFFORD PARK

4.3.1 Nash Road site, previously an in-vessel composter (IVC), is now partially used for biowaste transfer and is being developed as the location for the Reuse Hub by Suez. Works required to deliver the reuse-hub are mainly associated with modifying the internal layout. To date internal demolition work has commenced to rearrange the building footprint.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 Risks arising from the Contracts are reflected in the GMCA Corporate Risk Register.

6. FINANCE

6.1 Revenue and capital budget details associated with the contracts are set out in the budget reports elsewhere on the agenda.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The Committee is recommended to note and comment on the performance of the Contracts.