

**GM WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

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Subject: Contracts Update – Part A

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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 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Committee is recommended to:

1. Note and comment on the performance of the Contracts.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

Report to GM Waste & Recycling Committee – 14 November 2019

<b>TRACKING/PROCESS</b>	
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
<b>EXEMPTION FROM CALL IN</b>	
Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by GMCA 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 September 2019 (quarter 2 of the year, month 4 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 This report uses verified Contract data, which at the time of writing is available for up to the end of September 2019.
- 2.2 Data for the annual position (financial year 2019/20) is provided below, to show the overall position for comparison to the previous year:

<b>Annual Performance Comparison (Year to date – April to September)</b>	<b>2019 / 2020</b>	<b>2018 / 2019</b>
<b>Total arisings</b>	589,586.85	584,304.96
<b>Recycling</b>	277,822.05	276,873.44
<b>Recycling Rate</b>	47.12%	47.39%
<b>Landfill disposal</b>	48,741.66	60,186.93
<b>Diversion Rate</b>	91.73%	89.70%
<b>HWRC performance</b>		
Recycling Rate (Household Waste)	42.85%	43.89%
Diversion (Household Waste)	86.57%	71.49%
Diversion (Total Arising, including rubble)	89.16%	77.02%
Rejection of Kerbside Recycling Collections	274.58	526.30
MRF Contamination Rate (Commingled)	18.72%	17.91%

- 2.3 The total waste arisings for quarter 2, April to September, 2019/20 reached nearly 590k tonnes, c.1% higher than for the same period of last year. Whilst the actual tonnage of recycled material was slightly higher this year, the recycling rate currently remains at 47% due to the increase in overall arisings.
- 2.4 However, despite the increase in arisings, waste sent to landfill has continued to run at a lower rate than last year (-11k tonnes) giving an overall Landfill Diversion rate approaching 92% (2% more than last year).
- 2.5 At the HWRCs (across the 2 Contracts = 9 sites in WRMS and 11 in HWRCMS) the combined recycling rate is approaching 43%, with over 89% diversion across all sites. Whilst the household waste recycling figure is marginally less than in the same period last year, the landfill diversion rate has significantly increased.
- 2.6 In summary, the overall performance for the position up to quarter 2, 2019/20, shows a diversion rate of nearly 92% and recycling at 47%. Whilst overall arisings have grown, this has been offset by recycling and diversion from landfill.
- 2.7 Contamination levels of kerbside collected recyclates, from unacceptable materials extracted by the MRF process, have risen slightly and are at c.19%. However, the tonnage of materials rejected at the point of reception, from collected Waste Collection Authority (WCA) loads, was c.275 tonnes, remaining significantly lower (around half) than this period of the previous year.

### **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 The last Contract Update covered the period up to July 2019, with details of two incidents. For the period up to September 2019, no further RIDDOR incidents were reported.

### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 The recommendations are set out at the front of the report.