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**Report To: Safe Sustainable Communities Committee**

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**Report By: Corporate Director Regeneration &  
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**Subject: Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Review Group – Organic Waste  
Procurement Partnership**

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**1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of an offer from Glasgow City Council to participate in their organic waste procurement partnership.

**2.0 SUMMARY**

2.1 The contract for the disposal of organic waste from Inverclyde Council is due to terminate in November 2010. The contract was part of a joint procurement bid led by Glasgow City Council.

2.2 Glasgow City Council are preparing a tender for the treatment of organic waste based on a similar template to the current one. The contract this time round will also include the disposal of MDF (low grade wood) either mixed or separate to the treatment of wood waste. The new contract will have the option to include food waste at a later date, again either source segregated or mixed with the organic waste element.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the position in respect of the Organic Waste Procurement exercise and agree that Inverclyde Council proceed with the procurement partnership as detailed in this report.

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## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Inverclyde Council are part of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Review Group and have been part of a procurement partnership with Glasgow City Council for the treatment of organic waste along with Renfrewshire Council, East Renfrewshire Council, East Dunbartonshire Council, West Dunbartonshire Council. Argyll and Bute Council also form part of this grouping for the Lomond area due to its proximity with the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Area. The current contract expires November 2010.
- 4.2 North and South Lanarkshire Councils are working on a separate joint partnership agreement.
- 4.3 Glasgow City Council have produced a tender document for the treatment of organic waste with the potential to add food waste as an additional element. Details of the tender exercise have been discussed with the Inverclyde Council's corporate procurement team.
- 4.4 The revised contract will include options for the treatment for MDF (low grade wood), collected either separately or comingled with the wood waste.
- 4.5 This contract will also include an option to add food waste as an additional element onto the agreement, either source segregated or comingled with the organic waste. This is included in line with the Scottish Governments Zero Waste Plan which includes a landfill ban on food waste from households which could come into force within the next 5 to 10 years.

## **5.0 HEAD OF SERVICE COMMENT**

- 5.1 Glasgow City Council will release the tender early August. The current contract expires in November 2010 however due to the timing of the tender release it is unlikely the new contract will commence immediately thereafter. As lead authority Glasgow will arrange to extend the existing contract arrangements until early in 2011, when the new contract is in place.
- 5.2 The tender will be split into 3 separate lots:  
Lot 1: Glasgow and East Renfrewshire.  
Lot 2: West Dunbartonshire and Argyll & Bute.  
Lot 3: Glasgow, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire.

Prospective tenderers will be required to bid for the individual lots on a collective cost for the total green waste element arising from each authority. This approach would preclude any contractor from bidding for Inverclyde Council's organic waste only.

- 5.3 The organic waste contract will operate for a period of three years with the option to extend by a further year thereafter.

## **6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 No indicative costs are available at this point prior to the issue of the tenders.

### Annually Recurring Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
Refuse Disposal	Composting	2010/11	£133,000	n/a	Based on current contract costs
Refuse Disposal	New budget	2011/12	Subject to tender	n/a	

## 7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 Consultation on this report has been held with Finance and Legal & Democratic Services.