

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET 2 FEBRUARY 2021 FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY PANEL MEETING ON 26 JANUARY 2021

EC160: OPEN SESSION GARDEN WASTE COMPOSTING PROCUREMENT

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The Waste and Recycling Manager presented the report, which detailed the procurement exercise completed for a new garden waste processing service to commence at the end of March 2021.

The Chair thanked the Waste and Recycling Manager for his presentation and invited questions and comments from the Panel, as summarised below.

The Waste and Recycling Manager responded to questions relating to the tender exercise and outlined the restrictions on bins including access to households who had bagged collections or lived in rural areas. He explained that there was no cap on the amount of bins available, and there was a huge increase in take up during the first lockdown period.

He also explained the processing process and the role of Serco.

The Panel agreed to move to exempt session to discuss the exempt elements of the report.

EC163: EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 A to the Act.

EC164: EXEMPT – GARDEN WASTE COMPOSTING PROCUREMENT

The Panel discussed the confidential elements of the report.

The Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services and Public Protection addressed the Panel.

The Waste and Recycling Manager responded to questions relating to the composting process, costs and contractor

RESOLVED: That the Environment and Community Panel supports the Cabinet Recommendation as set out below:

That the Council enters into a contract with the preferred bidder identified in Confidential Appendix 1 for the provision of composting.