

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet Member – Environmental

**DATE:** 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**SUBJECT:** **GREEN WASTE (COMPOSTING) –  
EXTENSION OF EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS**

**WARDS AFFECTED:** All Wards

**REPORT OF:** J G Black  
Operational Services Director

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**EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL:** No

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To advise the Cabinet Member – Environmental of the need to extend the existing Green Waste Composting arrangements for a period of 8 weeks whilst technical issues are resolved at the proposed new bulking site of the incoming Contractors. Cabinet Member – Environmental will recall that a new tender was awarded in January for the provision of an outlet for the delivery and composting of Green Waste produced in Sefton. The new contract was to be for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013, with an option to exercise an additional 1 year extension, subject to satisfactory performance.

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

To ensure continuity of service and to gain approval from the Cabinet Member – Environmental to make temporary arrangements for the delivery and processing of green waste until the new contractual arrangements are confirmed and signed.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Cabinet Member – Environmental recommends a revised commencement date of the new contract and that the existing arrangements for green waste to be delivered to WRS Composting in Formby are extended for a period of 8 weeks.

**KEY DECISION:** No

**FORWARD PLAN:** N/A

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** N/A

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

None. It would be very difficult to provide an alternative supplier at short notice.

**IMPLICATIONS:****Budget/Policy Framework:****Financial:**

None. The arrangements can be contained within existing budgetary provision.

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2009/ 2010 £</b>	<b>2010/ 2011 £</b>	<b>2011/ 2012 £</b>	<b>2012/ 2013 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Prudential Borrowing				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

**Legal:** N/A

**Risk Assessment:** None

**Asset Management:** N/A

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

The Head of Corporate Finance & ICT has been consulted and has no comments on this report. FD728/2011

The Acting Head of Corporate Legal Services has been consulted and has no comments on this report LD 91/11

**CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:**

<b><u>Corporate Objective</u></b>		<b><u>Positive Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Neutral Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Negative Impact</u></b>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Creating Safe Communities	√		
3	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
4	Improving Health and Well-Being	√		
5	Environmental Sustainability	√		
6	Creating Inclusive Communities		√	
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	√		
8	Children and Young People		√	

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

None

## **Background**

1. The current contract for the Provision of a Green (Composting) Waste outlet expired on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. In order to maintain service provision and continue to provide an outlet for composting of green waste Sefton entered into a formal OJEU (Tendering) contract renewal exercise in Autumn 2010. As a result of this exercise a new Contract was awarded in January 2011 to the winning bidder. The new Contractual arrangements were due to begin on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.
2. The new contractor was to accept the delivery of green waste to a bulking site situated on an industrial estate off Heysham Road Aintree, operated by William Rainford Ltd. The bulking site operates under a 'T6' exempt waste operation permit issued by the Environment Agency which allows for the treatment of waste wood and waste plant matter.
3. As the bulking site currently runs similar operations it was not considered by them that full planning permission would be required and the site would be authorised under planning exemption. After further investigation by Officers and the incoming Contractor it was since established that Planning Permission would be required. The relevant application and fee was submitted to Planners on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

## **Current Situation**

4. The incoming Contractor is nervous about signing the new contract and committing to any further financial outlay until planning has been granted. This could take up to 6 weeks.
5. Following liaison with the Legal Department it was agreed that as an interim measure Sefton could revise the commencement date of the new contract, and, by mutual agreement continue with the existing terms and arrangements for a period of 8 weeks with WRS Composting.

## **Recommendation**

6. That Cabinet Member – Environmental is requested to authorise the Operational Services Director to extend the current arrangements for delivery and processing of green waste for a period of 8 weeks, and, in consultation with the Legal Department to agree a revised commencement date for the new contract.