Key Decision Required:	Yes	In the Forward Plan:	Yes

CABINET

23 MARCH 2018

REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT

B.1 KERBSIDE WASTE AND RECYCLING AND STREET CLEANSING CONTRACT APPRAISAL OF OPTIONS – ADDENDUM REPORT
(Report produced by Jonathan Hamlet & Paul Price)

PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide Cabinet with the outcome of the public consultation on the options for the future delivery of the waste and recycling and street cleansing contracts which will inform their decision on the contract terms set out in the part B report to be considered later on this agenda.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Extensive work has been undertaken with consultants White Young Green (WYG), the current contractor ("the Contractor") and Essex County Council, following initial consideration and evaluation by the Member working party earlier in 2017. A number of options have been considered for the future delivery of waste, recycling and street sweeping operations within Tendring following the initial term of the existing contracts in January and February 2019.

The financial and operational consequences of implementing each option have been evaluated with a proposed recommendation to consider the Contractor's proposal to exercise the seven year extension. To ensure the contract value remains in line with current spend and within the Councils overall long term financial strategy, as agreed at the December 2017 Cabinet, some modification to specification requirements will be necessary. The contract contains variation procedures which must be followed to enable any contractual change to be implemented.

The range of options is set out in the part B report demonstrating that the majority will result in a significant increase in costs over the current contract price due to a range of factors including increased costs.

The proposal would involve a modification of the current residual waste collection service to incorporate fortnightly collection from wheeled bins, where this is appropriate, whilst maintaining current recycling methodologies. This proposal has been subject to public consultation.
The results are set out below and will form part of Cabinet's consideration of the Part B report.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Cabinet:

a. **Notes that to inform its decision on whether to exercise the option to extend the term of both existing contracts for waste, recycling and street cleansing for a further 7 years, consultation has been undertaken on proposed variations to the current specifications for the waste and recycling contract to minimise the adverse impact on the long term financial forecast;**
b. **the proposed variations reflect best practice in the waste industry; and**
c. **the outcome of the consultation on residents views will be taken into account by Cabinet, alongside consideration of the contract terms prior to a final decision being made.**

PART 2 – IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

DELIVERING PRIORITIES

This meets the Council priority of delivering the waste contract renewal in a timely manner and broadly within the Council's overall Financial Strategy agreed at the December 2017 Cabinet meeting.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Consultation/Public Engagement.

A four-week consultation on the proposed waste collection changes ran from Friday, February 16, until noon on Friday, March 16. The numbers in each group as well as a synopsis of comments is set out below:

Total number of responses received		**483**
In favour of the proposals	**255**	**52.795%**

Common comments received included:

- *Yes to wheelie bins but no to fortnightly collections = 19*
- *Wider range of recycling = 55*
- *Want of a bigger/smaller bin = 23*
- *Want of a wheelie bin for recycling/dislike of current recycling boxes = 34*
- *Arrangements for elderly/disabled = 8*
- *No to wheelie bin but yes to fortnightly = 2*
- *Yes to wheelie bin but find they are unsightly = 7*
- *Fear of vandalism/bin being stolen = 2*
- *Increase in fly tipping = 3*
- *Costs = 3*
- *Rural issues = 2*

- *Smell/cleaning/vermin/pests = 9*

Neither way/was not clear 58 12.008%

Common comments received included:

- *Wider range of recycling = 6*
- *Arrangements for elderly/disabled = 6*
- *Want of a bigger/smaller bin = 4*
- *Fear of vandalism = 1*
- *Smell/cleaning = 1*
- *Increase fly tipping = 2*
- *Rural issues = 1*
- *Lid closing/non collection = 1*
- *Churches included = 1*
- *List of unsuitable homes = 7*
- *Costs = 4*

Opposed to the proposals 170 35.196%

Common comments received included:

- *Want of a wider range of recycling = 27*
- *Feel the new service would increase fly tipping = 21*
- *Bins are unsightly = 65*
- *Opposed to fortnightly collections = 12*
- *Want of a bigger/smaller bin = 15*
- *Rural routes not receiving bins = 1*
- *Fear of vandalism = 8*
- *No room for bin = 28*
- *Not in favour of wheelie bins but in favour of fortnightly collections = 2*
- *Cleaning/smell/vermin/pests = 20*
- *Arrangements for the elderly/disabled = 28*
- *Costs = 13*
- *Positioning of bin on collection day = 6*
- *List of unsuitable homes = 3*
- *Animal waste = 1*
- *Dislike for current recycling boxes = 1*