



City of Westminster

# Cabinet Member Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet Member for City Management and Air Quality
<b>Date:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
<b>Classification:</b>	Part Exempt, Appendices A, B and C be exempt from disclosure by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A Part 1, paragraph 3
<b>Title:</b>	Kerbside Household Waste and Recycling bins and On-Street Litterbins
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Policy Context:</b>	Fairer Environment Strategy – Fairer Environment, Increase recycling.
<b>Key Decision:</b>	This is a key decision due to significant spend and involve all Westminster Wards.
<b>Financial Summary:</b>	<p>A capital budget of £3.5M has been allocated for the Kerbside Household Waste and Recycling bins and On-Street Litterbins replacement programme under the corporate capital spending plan.</p> <p>The CM approval is required to spend £3.5M (£2.958m with £0.5m contingency)</p> <p>There is no anticipated impact on the revenue budget. Although no savings are to be obtained from the projects listed, the main driver of this is improving the recycling rates across the City of Westminster, helping to protect the environment and meeting the council’s fairer environment commitment.</p>

**Report of:**

Amy Jones, Director of Environment

**1 Executive Summary**

2 The City Council's Waste and Cleansing services are delivered using bins and containers of various specifications and as part of this project the city council would like to procure the following to increase recycling rate and promote better waste and recycling presentation habits across the city.

- a. Purchase of Kerbside Waste and Recycling bins (Ilbert Street Roll-out)
- b. Purchase of Street Litter Bins – City Wide

3 This project would reduce waste and cleansing services carbon footprint by over 3000 tonnes per year.

4 Capital and revenue budgets exist for the programme of works described in the CRG report.

**2. Recommendation**

2.1 That Appendices A, B and C be exempt from disclosure by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A Part 1, paragraph 3 (as amended), in that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

2.2 That the Cabinet Member for City Management and Air Quality approves the spend of £3.5M for the Purchase and installation of Kerbside waste and recycling bins and on-street litterbins through Veolia ES (UK) Ltd.

**3. Reasons for Decision**

3.1 To improve the recycling rates across the City of Westminster, helping to protect the environment and meeting the council's fairer environment commitment.

**4. Background**

This project forms a key part of the Councils Fairer Westminster Strategy- Fairer Environment where Westminster's streets are cleaner and safer and recycling is increased to address councils carbon emissions.

- 4.1 This project comprises of two parts:

### **Kerbside Waste and Recycling Bins**

In 2022, with the support of the queen's park ward councillor's waste service has conducted a behaviour stimulating recycling trial in Ilbert Street, where every property with front storage on Ilbert Street, Queens Park Ward were provided with dedicated waste and recycling bins. The waste and recycling collection crews emptied the bins as part of regular door to door collections.

These bins served as a constant reminder to residents to recycle and allowed them to store their waste and recycling outside their homes. The bins were extremely popular with residents, and the trial achieved an 88% recycling participation rate and a 40% recycling rate, which is a 100% increase from previous recycling levels.

This project will roll out the successful Ilbert Street trial to Queens Park and Harrow Road wards, where properties have similar front storage. This project will benefit 17,458 households, yield 3360 tonnes of recyclables, increase recycling participation by 100%, and save a carbon footprint of 2352 tonnes per year.

### **On-Street Litterbins**

The City Council's Street cleansing approach is primarily manual with mechanical support where required, for example in much of the West End. As part of Street Cleansing, the City Council also provides 1,800 receptacles across the city to allow people to dispose of their litter. There are several litter bin types used in different locations

The project will deliver a new litter bin to be used on the streets of Westminster. A new litter bin will be procured to replace the existing duo bin. The project would procure 2,000 litterbins and then 50 per year thereafter to backfill stocks.

- 4.2 Appendix A to this report provides a more detailed business case and options appraisal for each of the three project elements described above. Appendix A also has 4 appendices of supporting technical information on each aspect of the project, if anyone would like to read the appendices, they should contact the report author.
- 4.3 The current contract with Veolia is performing well and satisfaction levels with Street Cleansing, Waste and Recycling Collection Services are above 90% (City Survey). Independent validation of the services is carried out by Keep Britain Tidy and their regular four monthly surveys have shown continuous improvement in service delivery over the last four years.

## **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 A capital budget of £3.5M has been approved within the existing capital programme.
- 5.2 The total costs implications were detailed in the CRG business Case Report. Please refer to Appendix B and C.

## **6. Legal Implications**

- 6.1 The Waste and Recycling Collection, Street Cleansing and Ancillary services contract opportunity was advertised in OJEU in 2009 and was procured via a competitive dialogue procedure. The tender advertisement envisaged, inter alia, supply and maintenance of vehicles used in provision of the services. Further the contract specification also provided that the contractor was required to provide the services in a manner that they are compliant with and promote the Council's environment policies. The contract also envisages permissible variations for providing services as per the changing requirements to comply with legislative and Council's policies requirements.
- 6.2 The current contract variation to procure Kerbside waste and recycling bins and On-Street Litterbins are all part of the envisaged service specifications in the original procurement. Such variations are permissible variations under the Public Contracts Regulations Reg72(1)(a).

## **7. Carbon Implications**

- 7.1 This project will eliminate over 3000 tonnes of carbon emissions per year.

## **8. Equality Implications**

- 8.1 Westminster will work in partnership with Veolia's procurement team to introduce social value deliverables through the contracts they are entering into on our behalf. The aim is that these will include Fairer Environment, green economy work placement, skills and employment opportunities with Dennis Eagle through the electric vehicle maintenance and manufacturing contracts and with UKPN as part of the installation of EV infrastructure contract. Veolia will continue to deliver Responsible Procurement and Equality outcomes as part of the delivery of the service provision throughout the term of the contract.

9. **Consultation**

9.1 The proposed On -Street Litterbins is city-wide rather than specific to any ward. Ward member consultation has therefore not been conducted as there will be no change to the frequency or method of how waste and recycling services are delivered to residents and businesses. However, the Kerbside waste and recycling bins project is ward specific (Queens Park and Harrow Road wards) and these ward Councillors will be consulted and informed about the project.

**If you have any queries about this Report or wish to inspect any of the Background Papers, please contact:**

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**APPENDICES**

- Appendix A - Full Business Case CGRB November 2023 (Exempt from Publication)
- Appendix B – Capital Review Group Report – October 23 (Exempt from Publication)
- Appendix C - Financial Implications (Exempt from Publication)

For completion by the **Cabinet Member for City Management & Air Quality**

**Declaration of Interest**

I have <no interest to declare / ~~to declare an interest~~> in respect of this report

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: **Councillor Paul Dimoldenberg**

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*(N.B: If you have an interest you should seek advice as to whether it is appropriate to make a decision in relation to this matter)*

For the reasons set out above, I agree the recommendation in the report entitled **Amendment to Replacement of Waste and Recycling Vehicles and Supply of Power to Landmann Way Waste Vehicle Depot** and reject any alternative options which are referred to but not recommended.

Signed .....

Councillor Paul Dimoldenberg

Date .....

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