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GATEWAY 5 PROCUREMENT CONTRACT MANAGEMENT REPORT: DCLG WEEKLY COLLECTIONS SUPPORT FUND (MEDWAY WEEKLY BID)

ADDENDUM REPORT

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Phil Filmer, Frontline Services

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Summary

This addendum report updates Members on funding from the Department of Communities and Local Government.

1. Background

- 1.1 On Thursday 22 November, the Department of Communities and Local Government confirmed Medway had been awarded the full funding (**£14,029,901 over three years**) for the weekly collections services (attached as appendix to this addendum report).
- 1.2 A condition of the offer was that Medway supplies evidence that there is Council support for the bid (e.g. relevant Council meeting minutes; email from Council Leader etc).
- 1.3 Additionally they have asked us to detail how we intend to promote our commitment to weekly collections for (a minimum of) five years to our residents. For example, this could be via an authority's website, in waste and recycling collections literature for householders, or as a statement in the authority's annual report/accounts.
- 1.4 To ensure Medway complies with these conditions it is recommended that the Gateway 5 report recommendations be altered as below.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet is requested to confirm acceptance of the Department of Communities and Local Government offer of funding from the Weekly

Collection Support Fund to enable Medway to introduce weekly recycling and organic waste collection and maintain the weekly residual waste collection service for a minimum of 5 years as per the funding criteria.

- 2.2 Cabinet is requested to endorse the publication of this commitment on the Council website and in associated literature produced to promote the weekly collection services.
- 2.3 Cabinet is requested to recommend to Council that the capital purchase of the new refuse and recycling fleet, as funded by the allocation of this money, be included on the Capital Programme as soon as possible.
- 2.4 Cabinet is requested to approve a contract variation that will facilitate an increase in the frequency of recycling and organics kerbside collections from fortnightly to weekly. The variation will involve a number of existing BoQ unit prices being incorporated within one encompassing unit price that reflects efficiency savings. This variation must also adequately cover the capital purchase of vehicles through Veolia Environmental Services, which will extract their cost from the existing revenue budget and contract payment mechanism.
- 2.5 That the Assistant Director Legal and Corporate Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Frontline Services and Finance, be delegated authority to make any subsequent adjustments that may be required as a result of detailed terms of the funding.

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Sarah Dagwell
Medway Council

Dear Sarah Dagwell,

Weekly Collection Support Scheme Final Bid

Name of Bid: Medway Weekly

Thank you for submitting a bid to the Weekly Collection Support Scheme (WCSS). We are writing to inform you that your bid has been successful.

We are delighted to offer you £14,029,901 according to the profile set out in the table below:

2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Total
£7,340,935	£3,334,396	£3,354,570	£14,029,901

Please note that funding is conditional on the satisfactory and timely provision of evidence that you have council support for your bid (e.g. relevant Council meeting minutes; email from Council Leader etc) and setting out of how you intend to promote your commitment to weekly collections for (a minimum of) five years to your residents. For example, this could be via an authority's website, in waste and recycling collections literature for householders, or as a statement in the authority's annual report/accounts.

If the Department is not satisfied that these conditions have been achieved then there is a possibility that funding may be withheld. As outlined in the WCSS Prospectus, the Department reserves the right to request additional information year on year on how funds will be spent.

If you would like to accept this offer of funding, subject to the terms and conditions outlined above, then please confirm your decision by emailing the WCSS Team at WeeklyCollectionSupportScheme@communities.gsi.gov.uk by 5pm on the 30th of November. If you wish to decline this offer or have any queries then please also e-mail us by the 30th November. Upon receipt of acceptance we will then issue you with a formal offer letter with a Grant Determination for 2012/13 (if applicable to your bid).

Yours sincerely,

Shehla Husain