

**Item SSE 17/11 referred from Communities and Housing Advisory Board minutes of 9 October 2017**

**SSE 17/11 WASTE SERVICES CONTRACT RETENDER**

Further to Minute SSE 17/3 of the meeting of the Board held on 20 June 2017 the report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services provided an update on the retendering of the Waste Services Contract on a partnership basis with Dartford and Tunbridge Wells Borough Councils and Kent County Council. Particular reference was made to Procurement Process and Project Timetable, the Nominal Optimal Method (NOM) of collection, Container Standardisation, Recycling Bring Sites, Cleansing of High Speed Roads, the provisions to make a Collection Charge for Charity, Places of Worship and Parish Councils, the mobilisation and implementation of the new service and the importance of Marketing and Communications with residents and contractors to ensure understanding and the smooth introduction of the service. Members thanked the Officer team for the comprehensive report, sought clarification on a number of issues and acknowledged the potential for improving the service provided, increasing performance and achieving savings.

**RECOMMENDED:** That Cabinet be commended to agree that

- (1) the way forward with regard to the Waste Services Contract specification and service levels outlined in the report be agreed;
- (2) a further report on the Inter Authority Agreement, cost analysis and financial arrangements be reported to the November meeting of the Advisory Board;
- (3) the evaluation criteria for the award of the contract be considered at the November 2017 meeting of the Advisory Board;
- (4) a detailed marketing and communications plan be reported to a future meeting of the Advisory Board; and
- (5) opportunities for joint client management across the West Kent Partners be explored.

**\*Referred to Cabinet**