

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member - Environment
<b>Date:</b>	5 April 2011
<b>Title:</b>	A Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment and Batteries Collection Contract
<b>Reference:</b>	2791
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Environment

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**1. The decision:**

- a) That approval be given to tender, in accordance with the report, a waste electrical and electronic equipment and batteries collection contract in Hampshire for a period of three years from January 2012, extendable annually by additional periods of one year up to a maximum total contract period of six years.
- b) That the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, be authorised to award this contract and subsequent extensions to this contract.
- c) That the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, be authorised to vary the scope of the contract as necessary in line with service improvement objectives.

**2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1 Under the Waste Electrical and Electronic (WEEE) (2006) and Batteries (2009) Directives, the Government has to ensure that the UK has an adequate network of Designated Collection Facilities (DCFs) for household WEEE and batteries. Although the regulations don't place obligations on the County Council to do so, Hampshire (including Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council) has nominated all of its Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) as DCFs in order to minimise the disposal of these materials to landfill as unsorted municipal waste, as well as increasing recovery and recycling rates.

- 2.2 WEEE is currently removed from DCFs by Geodis UK for treatment without charge to the County Council on behalf of the European Recycling Platform (ERP) producer compliance scheme. In 2010, 7,418 tonnes of WEEE (large domestic appliances, fridges, cathode ray tubes (CRTs), small domestic appliances and lamps) were collected from HWRCs by Geodis for treatment without charge. The current contract ends on 31 December 2011.
- 2.3 A key feature of the current contract is that Geodis agrees not to claim rights of physical access or financial revenue over any waste collected by the Council as scrap metal or other waste. Large Domestic Appliances (LDA) have a scrap metal value which is shared between Hampshire and the HWRC contractor, Hopkins Recycling Limited. In 2010, this was around £220,000, of which the County Council received £90,000 as income.
- 2.4 The WEEE and batteries contract will offer flexibility to include options to facilitate kerbside collection and reuse, where locally appropriate, which is in line with the expected future UK targets and priorities.
- 2.5 In line with Producer Responsibility obligations, the WEEE and batteries contract is a zero cost contract, and results in increased recycling of these materials and reduced waste to landfill. Furthermore, the retention of ferrous metal income from large domestic appliances provides the County Council with a source of income.
- 2.6 The retender of the WEEE and batteries collection contract will contribute towards environmental protection and in particular, the corporate aim of enhancing our quality of place through ensuring excellent collection facilities and planning recycling services proactively for the future.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. Not to let a new WEEE and batteries contract would result in the County Council becoming liable for the costs of disposing of the hazardous elements of WEEE. Prior to the current contract, this liability was around £900,000 per year. This option has been rejected because it would result in a net cost to Hampshire, which is avoidable by letting a replacement contract.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: none.
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: none.

**5. Conflicts of Interest Declared by the Decision Maker or Other Executive Member: none.**

**6. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.**

7. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

8. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

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5 April 2011

Executive Member for Environment  
Councillor M J Kendal