

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

ITEM 7b

TITLE OF REPORT: ITEM REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 16 JULY 2019 – WASTE COLLECTION FROM MULTI OCCUPANCY PROPERTIES (MOP)

The Executive Member for Recycling and Waste presented the report entitled Waste Collection from Multi Occupancy Properties (MOP) together with the following appendix:

- Appendix A - Urbasers financial claim to retain weekly collections except recycling.

The Executive Member for Recycling and Waste advised that the figure, highlighted in yellow, in recommendation 2.2 of the report should read £163,947.44 per annum.

The section, highlighted in yellow, in section 5.3 of the report should be deleted as this would not be included in the report to be presented to Cabinet.

Cabinet was not being asked to look at the history of this contract, however she was aware that Overview and Scrutiny may wish to ask questions.

There had been a decision to postpone phase two of the contract. Having looked at comprehensive data, collated by officers, it was shown that 61 percent of these properties were not suitable for fortnightly collections.

The alternatives were considered such as the costs of fortnightly collections and the reputational issues of doing this.

The additional costs had been fully costed.

The following Members made comments and asked questions:

- Councillor David Levett;
- Councillor Kate Aspinwall;
- Councillor Sam Collins;
- Councillor Tony Hunter.

In response to questions the Service Director Place referred Members to Paragraph 7.1 of the report. At the time the contract was let the Council was in receipt of £850.000 of DCLG funding for the collection of weekly food waste. Officer pulled together a report to support harmonising of collections from Multi Occupancy Properties, however, with hindsight there wasn't sufficient data.

The tender was based on moving to fortnightly collection of residual waste but, due to the initial issues, the contractors delayed implementation.

Officers noticed that further data was required prior to implementing fortnightly residual collections, however the contractor tendered on this basis.

Not moving to fortnightly collections meant that Urbaser could not make the savings they were expecting as part of the contract.

As it was Urbaser's choice to delay moving to fortnightly collections, they absorbed the costs for 14 months.

In respect of paragraphs 9.3, 9.4 and 7.3, the tender process needs to be considered and a written response provided regarding the question posed by Councillor Aspinwall.

The Executive Member for Waste and Recycling advised that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee planned review of the Waste Contract may be best placed to look at any issues regarding the contract and procurement issues.

The Chairman advised that the planned Task and Finish Group on Waste would take place once the current Task and Finish Group had been completed.

RESOLVED: That the Service Director – Place be requested to provide a written answer to the question raised by Councillor Kate Aspinwall regarding the contract.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET: That the recommendations contained in the report be endorsed.

REASON FOR DECISION: To enable the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the report entitled Waste Collection from Multi Occupancy Properties (MOP) prior to consideration by Cabinet.

(To be considered with Item 14 of the agenda)