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Procurement of Green Waste Vehicles

Melton Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

MBC-1564 Green Waste Vehicles

Description

As part of the Environment Act 2021 the UK Government identified the mandatory introduction of Food Waste collection with the promise of funding to implement the changes.

Due to:

- 1)delays regarding the funding and the value being below what was required (including subsequent rounds of challenge)
- 2) the national demand increase for vehicles

Melton has identified that it cannot now obtain build slots in the open market for vehicles that would guarantee it to meet its legal responsibilities on the Government timelines.

Melton BC have taken the decision to procure 5 waste trucks and have made enquiries to suppliers through ESPO framework 215_24 the Specialist Vehicles (Outright Purchase) (2024) framework, lot 1.3 and while costs were acceptable, no suppliers who responded were able to deliver vehicles ahead of the -1/-4/26 deadline.

Biffa, the current provider for Waste collection for Melton BC, have identified in contract discussions that they, due to changes in client order quantities, have earlier build slots available they would like to make available to us. The current contract with Biffa does not include the purchase of vehicles and the variation of this would be considered a material change.

As such Melton BC propose to direct award the purchase of these vehicles to Biffa, for market costs, for Biffa to in turn purchase these vehicles from the supplier identified as best value in the mini competition already carried out under the Framework above.

The vehicles would then be leased back to Biffa as if Melton BC had purchased these directly

The purchase with Biffa is entirely proprietary on the Build slots Biffa already has secured, the urgency under which the authority is buying is in order to meet legal requirements which it would not otherwise now be able to do, and is deemed out of the councils control in terms of government funding not being sufficient to enable the council to procure these any earlier.

Contract 1

Supplier

- BIFFA WASTE SERVICES LIMITED

Contract value

- £780,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 July 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 July 2025 to 31 July 2026
- 1 year, 1 day

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 34144000 - Special-purpose motor vehicles

Contract locations

- UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

- Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights
- Extreme and unavoidable urgency

Summarised version of details already covered in the procurement description:

The introduction of a regulatory food waste collection service to Melton Borough Council, the subsequent delays from Funding negotiations in order to afford this change, and the UK market forces from all local government demands on the vehicle industry (regarding build lead times) have created a scenario where through no fault of its own Melton BC is unable to go to the open market to meet its needs and still remain compliant with the Government's mandate.

Build slots are proprietary to the customer requesting vehicles and to access more advantageous build slots to meet the regulatory timescales Melton BC need direct award to someone with slots they are willing to provide for our use.

Biffa have identified this is an option they are willing to do for us as our current waste provider however that waste contract does not allow for this purchase.

There is no additional financial cost being provided for access to these slots, and the vehicles will be provided at established market cost via the supplier of Melton's current waste fleet (for compatibility regarding repairs and maintenance) with Biffa acting as a middle man.

We do not believe there are other options out there to reduce the build and delivery time

of vehicles in this way but would be happy to hear from other suppliers willing to offer up comparable slots on a similar basis.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Melton Borough Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government