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Award

Materials Recycling Facility Procurement

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
Dacorum Borough Council
Three Rivers District Council
Watford Borough Council

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Scope

Description

The receipt, segregation, processing and sale of material collected from the kerbside by the participating councils, including Aluminium and Steel Cans, glass, cartons, plastic and paper and card. The contractor takes ownership of the materials and sells them on the relevant commodity market. Approximately 42,500 tonnes per annum is supplied by the participating councils.

Contract 1. Material Recycling Facility

Supplier

- PEARCE RECYCLING COMPANY LIMITED

Contract value

- £5,000,000 excluding VAT
- £6,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 November 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2027 to 31 January 2032
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90514000 - Refuse recycling services

Contract locations

- UKH - East of England

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

The consortium of councils intends to award a contract directly to Pearce Recycling for the receipt and processing of dry recyclables. The existing contract expires in January

2027, and preparatory market engagement has confirmed that no alternative, viable, or compliant options exist.

Market assessment identified that all alternative Material Recycling Facilities (MRFs) are located outside Hertfordshire and would require significant increases in vehicle mileage, fuel use, and carbon emissions, alongside material operational disruption. Five suppliers were engaged, but none could confirm sufficient capacity for the consortium's full tonnage or provide a technically viable model.

Pearce Recycling is the only provider capable of delivering the required services locally and at the necessary scale. The incumbent operates a fully permitted Hertfordshire-based MRF with adequate spare capacity and has delivered the service reliably since 2017.

Accordingly, the consortium intends to make a direct award under the applicable procurement provisions permitting award where only one supplier is capable of meeting the requirement due to technical and operational exclusivity and absence of competition.

Supplier

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXGV-9765-TRCY

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Region: UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. Material Recycling Facility

Contracting authorities

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYHY-6394-TBPP

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Three Rivers District Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Watford Borough Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Contact organisation

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