

DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Regeneration

Date: 20 June 2016

Decision in the matter of: Organic Waste Treatment Procurement

- Decision:**
- 1 the Council owned 4ha parcel of Leighton Grange Farm, Crewe be identified as one of the three potential options available to bidders should it be required. The site will be outlined in the procurement documents at the time of issuing the outline solutions phase of the Organic Waste treatment procurement (currently timetabled for 15 July 2016).
 - 2 If the Council owned land were to be required, the final allocation of the site would be subject to a Cabinet decision to proceed at preferred bidder stage.

Background: The Council was looking to increase recycling through the collection of food and garden waste in our existing garden waste bins and were seeking an organic waste treatment solution which would enable the recycling of comingled garden and food waste to produce energy.

Cabinet, on 29 September 2015 resolved to undertake a procurement process to identify and appoint a commercial partner to design, build and operate the facility. The procurement was now underway to identify a preferred bidder by the end of the year.

As part of the procurement process the Council needs to offer a site to locate the facility should it be required by any bidder. This would minimise the transport of waste and maximise the opportunity to secure benefit from possible energy generation and compost sales.

A process of initial site identification was undertaken in late 2015. A call for sites was issued to the market by property agents acting on behalf of Cheshire East to identify a shortlist of sites in both Council and private sector ownership, available at that time, that could potentially accommodate a facility.

Since the site review and appraisal work was completed a site adjacent to the previously shortlisted site has been acquired by the Council. A review of the site based on the initial criteria indicates that the site could potentially accommodate an organic waste treatment use.

Approval was now sought to identify the site in the procurement documentation at the detailed solutions phase.

Background Documents: The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report author.

Approved:

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Councillor Don Stockton, Cabinet Member for Regeneration

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Advising Officer:

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Ralph Kemp, Corporate Manager Commissioning – Waste and Environmental Services