

The GMCA can confirm that Suez Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd (Suez) have been appointed as the preferred bidder for both the Waste and Resource Management Services and the Household Waste Recycling Centre Management Services contracts.

There will now be a mobilisation period so the current contractor; Viridor Waste (Greater Manchester) Ltd can hand over the operation of the facilities to Suez. The facilities include:

- ☒ 8 Transfer Loading Stations where council vehicles tip off
- ☒ A Materials Recovery Facility where mixed recycling is separated for recycling
- ☒ 5 Mechanical Treatment facilities that treat general waste
- ☒ A Thermal Recovery Facility which uses general waste to generate electricity
- ☒ 20 Recycling Centres where residents can recycle and dispose of household waste
- ☒ 2 green waste shredding facilities
- ☒ 3 In Vessel Composting facilities where food and garden waste is composted.

The new contracts will start on Saturday 1st June 2019. Existing staff working at the facilities will transfer over to the new contractor Suez Viridor Waste (Greater Manchester) Ltd will continue to operate waste management services across Greater Manchester until Friday 31 May 2019.

Viridor's other contract with GMCA is unaffected and continues as normal. This is a separate 25-year contract to process general waste at the Runcorn Energy Recovery facility, which has 17 years more to run, with an option to extend for a further 15 years.

The GMCA will now begin working with Suez and Viridor to ensure a smooth handover. There will be a number of modifications to the facilities and changes to the Recycling Centres; including 3 new reuse shops at Longley Lane, Manchester, Arkwright Street, Oldham and Liverpool Road (Boysnape Wharf), Salford planned for later this year.

The shops will sell goods that have been donated to the Recycling Centres; special containers

will be introduced at all Recycling Centres where household items suitable for reuse can be stored separately from other waste and recycling.

There will be more focus on recycling at the Recycling Centres with new containers introduced for mattress and carpet recycling. The new contract aims to reach 61% recycling, on average per year, across all Recycling Centres by 2021/22. The average recycling rate is currently 39% (2017/18).

The new waste and resources contracts will deliver improved levels of recycling and landfill diversion of up to 98% as compared to the current rate of 89% (2017/18).

A community trust fund will be available for communities to apply for funding as well as a compost donation scheme for community groups to apply for donations of compost for environmental projects. Suez has the carbon trust standard that demonstrates its commitment to reducing carbon emissions. Carbon impact from transport, operations of the facilities and materials recovery will be monitored and reported on throughout the contract. All electricity required for operating all facilities will be supplied by renewable energy sources.

Regular briefings will be provided as we work through this very busy period leading up to the commencement of the contracts.

There are no changes proposed to the range of materials collected.

The 4 bins are for:

- General waste (nappies, plastic packaging, polystyrene etc.)
- Paper and card (including food and drink cartons)
- Mixed recycling (including glass bottles and jars, food tins and drinks cans, aerosols, foil and plastic bottles)
- Food & garden waste

[Re the Recycling Centres](#)

There are 20 Recycling Centres across Greater Manchester. No closures are planned. There will be improvements made to the layout and signage to make it easier for residents to recycle a wider range of household items.

### The new contract.

The new contract will operate for 7 years with an optional 3-year extension.

### Changes to the waste treatment facilities.

Some modifications will be made to the existing facilities to simplify the waste handling systems; this will focus on the Mechanical Treatment facilities (Reliance Street, Manchester, Longley Lane, Manchester, Bredbury Parkway, Stockport, Arkwright Street, Oldham and Cobden Street, Salford) where general waste is treated.

### Bury Recycling Rate.

The 4 bin recycling rate for April - March is 57%. This is an estimate due to not having March's tonnage figures available to use.

It would be difficult to estimate the NI192 (national indicator) rate as this takes into effect materials that were lost in the recycling process, which we do not know yet for the last quarter.

For published information (obviously in addition to the Section A Performance Update from the last WRC meeting 14.03.19<[tel:14.03.19](#)>) we have issued the Contract Briefing Note for March 19 to Councillors, which is attached (these updates will continue to be produced from now on).

On the in-house question, this was not an officially published statement, but the potential for operating an in-house service was considered in the initial evaluation of options. High-level assessments estimated that this option would not bring lower savings than going to the market (between 45 and 55% less) whilst also transferring 100% of the risk profile onto the Authority (eg for recyclate income, facility performance, asset condition, insurance profile etc). On this basis, the in-house option was not progressed.

