



Title of Report:	North West Region Waste Management Group (NWRWMG) – Mixed Dry Recyclables Tender (Legal Fees)
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 th December 2023
For Decision or For Information	For Information
To be discussed In Committee YES/NO	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Climate Change and our Environment
Outcome	
Lead Officer	Director of Environmental Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£10,400.25
Included in Current Year Estimates	Y
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	2309 62610
Staffing Costs	N/A

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise members of legal fees incurred in respect of the ongoing North West Region Waste Management Group (NWRWMG) procurement of a contract for the collection and processing of Local Authority collected kerbside recyclables.

2.0 Background (to include any previous decisions of Council)

- 2.1 The NWRWMG is leading on the procurement of a contract for the collection and processing of Local Authority collected kerbside recyclables.
- 2.2 This is a joint procurement exercise between Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, Derry and Strabane District Council, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council & Mid Ulster District Council.
- 2.3 The procurement exercise is now at the evaluation stage with the NWRWMG having received submissions from interested bidders.

3.0 Legal Services

- 3.1 In light of recent procurement exercises to award waste contracts, it was agreed by participating councils that expert legal services should be engaged to assist with the drafting of tender documentation, advise on clarifications submitted by interested bidders and provide guidance as and when required throughout the process to the award stage.
- 3.2 The law firm Eversheds Sutherland was engaged to provide legal services.

4.0 Legal Fees

- 4.1 Council is now liable for legal fees in the sum of £10,400.25 for advice provided by Eversheds Sutherland.
- 4.2 The overall legal fees are split equally amongst the four participating councils.

5.0 Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee note the legal fees accrued to date with the appointed law firm in respect of the procurement of a contract for the collection and processing of Local Authority collected kerbside recyclables.