

Officer Decision – Sorting Equipment 03 March 2026 Part i

Purpose of Decision

To award the contract for the provision and installation of a new recycling sortline at the Council's Waste Transfer Station.

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Executive Member

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Progress

- 1 Consultation with Executive Member and approval – 05 March 2026
- 2 Officers consulted and approval – 05 March 2026
- 3 MO Consulted – 05 March 2026
- 4 S151 Officer Consulted- 05 March 2026
- 5 Placed on Web - 06 March 2026

1. Proposed Decision

To award CWS Engineering Ltd the contract for the 'The Supply & Maintenance of Machinery & Equipment for Waste Management - Material Separating and Sorting Solution'

Delegated authority was granted to the Head of Environmental Services to award contract for recycling infrastructure works, following the appropriate procurement processes at Full Council 20 May 2025.

2. Background

The Council's waste transfer station manages the recycling and food waste collected from properties across the district. Around 16,000 tonnes of materials are delivered, sorted, stored, baled and bulked for onward transportation to reprocessors annually.

In 2018 DEFRA published the [Resources and Waste Strategy](#) for England which detailed several policies to deliver major reforms to the waste sector.

Of specific relevance are:

- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) which aims to move the full cost of dealing with packaging waste from households away from local taxpayers and councils and to the packaging producers.
- Simpler Recycling (SR) which aims to standardise the materials that are collected for recycling across all households and businesses in England.

The outcomes of the Simpler Recycling (SR) reforms crystallised in 2024 following delays to the original timeframes. This resulted in the [Separation of Waste \(England\) Regulations 2025](#) which came into force in March 2025.

Our household waste collection service is well placed to comply with the requirements of these regulations with two notable exceptions.

1. The compulsory collection of cartons from all households by April 2026.
2. The compulsory collection of flexible plastics and films from all households by April 2027.

To handle these additional materials significant improvements are required to the existing storage and sorting infrastructure at the Waste Transfer Station.

Please see full report taken to Full Council [here](#).

3. Main Implications

3.1 Financial

The contract value is £966,650 and within the approved budget allocation agreed at the Full Council meeting of the 20 May 2025.

3.2 Legal

The Environmental Protection Act 1990 sets out the Council's responsibilities in relation to waste and recycling. As a 'Waste Collection Authority', it has a statutory duty to ensure waste and recycling collections are provided to all households. The Council's in-house service must ensure that it has the necessary infrastructure in place to fulfil its statutory duties. The legislation listed below is relevant to the content of this report.

[Environment Act 2021](#)

[The Environmental Permitting \(England and Wales\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023'](#)

[The Separation of Waste \(England\) Regulations 2025](#)

[The Producer Responsibility Obligations \(Packaging Waste\) \(Amendment\) \(England\) Regulations 2020](#)

3.3 Risks

There are no significant risks associated with the decision as a full procurement process has been followed.

3.4 Environmental/Climate Change Impact

The Council declared a Climate Emergency and became a signatory of the Devon Climate Emergency in 2019. It aims to become a net zero district and has endorsed the Devon Carbon Plan to achieve net zero emissions county-wide by 2050 at the latest and in the shortest feasible timeframe.

There are direct benefits of increasing the range of materials for recycling across the district. There would be an estimated increase to our recycling rate of 0.53% delivering around 268,998 kgCO₂eq (Source: Devon.gov.uk)

4. Alternative Options

Do nothing or retender. If the works required are not progressed there would be significant implications for efficient statutory recycling service delivery.

5. Justification

Following the procurement process including financial checks, the bid submitted by CWS Engineering Ltd was identified as the most advantageous tender in terms of quality and price.

Three tenders were received through the procurement process. The two unsuccessful bids scored lower on key areas of Price, Operational Fit, Mobilisation and Health and Safety.

Approved

Signed ...



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Date ...06/03/2026...

Authorising Officer

I can confirm I do not have any conflicts of interest when authorising this contract.

Notes:

All authorising emails/correspondence to be filed along with this completed report by the requesting officer.

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