

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – MRF CONTRACT EXTENSION

SECTION ONE: INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

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Overview:	The functionality of the MRF at Chelson Meadow is to receive and process co-mingled dry recycling and glass which has been collected by Plymouth City Council and delivered to site. The contractor is also responsible for the sale of recyclate and disposal of rejected materials. The existing MRF contract is due to expire in April 2025, and a full re-procurement cannot be undertaken until emerging legislation becomes clear.				
Decision required:	To extend the contract for the Provision of Materials Recycling Facility and Service (reference I2008) for 5 years, at a value of £3.7 Million, by variation in accordance with Regulation 72-(1)(b) of the Public Contracts Regulations (subject to the outcome of any legal challenge made during the 10-day procurement standstill period).				

SECTION TWO: EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING TOOL

Potential external impacts: Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact service users, communities or residents with protected characteristics?	Yes		No	X
Potential internal impacts: Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact Plymouth City Council employees?	Yes		No	X
Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (if you have answered yes to either of the questions above then a full impact assessment is required and you must complete section three)	Yes		No	X

If you do not agree that a full equality impact assessment is required, please set out your justification for why not.

This decision is a continuation of existing service provision. There are no anticipated negative implications for service users or staff.

SECTION THREE: FULL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Protected characteristics (Equality Act, 2010)	Evidence and information (e.g. data and consultation feedback)	Adverse impact	Mitigation activities	Timescale and responsible department
Age	<p>Plymouth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16.4 per cent of people in Plymouth are children aged under 15. • 65.1 per cent are adults aged 15 to 64. • 18.5 percent are adults aged 65 and over. • 2.4 percent of the resident population are 85 and over. <p>South West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15.9 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14, 61.8 per cent are aged 15 to 64. • 22.3 per cent are aged 65 and over. <p>England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17.4 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14. • 64.2 per cent of people are aged 15 to 64. • 18.4 per cent of people are aged 65 and over. <p>(2021 Census)</p>	No adverse impacts are anticipated from this decision	Not applicable	Not applicable

<p>Care experienced individuals</p> <p>(Note that as per the Independent Review of Children’s Social Care recommendations, Plymouth City Council is treating care experience as though it is a protected characteristic).</p>	<p>It is estimated that 26 per cent of the homeless population in the UK have care experience. In Plymouth there are currently 7 per cent of care leavers open to the service (6 per cent aged 18-20 and 12 per cent of those aged 21+) who are in unsuitable accommodation.</p> <p>The Care Review reported that 41 per cent of 19-21 year old care leavers are not in education, employment or training (NEET) compared to 12 per cent of all other young people in the same age group.</p> <p>In Plymouth there are currently 50 per cent of care leavers aged 18-21 Not in Education Training or Employment (54 per cent of all those care leavers aged 18-24 who are open to the service).</p> <p>There are currently 195 care leavers aged 18 to 20 (statutory service) and 58 aged 21 to 24 (extended offer). There are more care leavers aged 21 to 24 who could return for support from services if they wished to.</p>	<p>No adverse impacts are anticipated from this decision</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Disability</p>	<p>9.4 per cent of residents in Plymouth have their activities limited ‘a lot’ because of a physical or mental health problem.</p> <p>12.2 per cent of residents in Plymouth have their activities limited ‘a little’ because of a physical or mental health problem (2021 Census)</p>	<p>No adverse impacts are anticipated from this decision</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

Gender reassignment	0.5 per cent of residents in Plymouth have a gender identity that is different from their sex registered at birth. 0.1 per cent of residents identify as a trans man, 0.1 per cent identify as non-binary and, 0.1 per cent identify as a trans women (2021 Census).	No adverse impacts are anticipated from this decision	Not applicable	Not applicable
Marriage and civil partnership	40.1 per cent of residents have never married and never registered a civil partnership. 10 per cent are divorced, 6 percent are widowed, with 2.5 per cent are separated but still married. 0.49 per cent of residents are, or were, married or in a civil partnerships of the same sex. 0.06 per cent of residents are in a civil partnerships with the opposite sex (2021 Census).	No adverse impacts are anticipated from this decision	Not applicable	Not applicable
Pregnancy and maternity	The total fertility rate (TFR) for England was 1.62 children per woman in 2021. The total fertility rate (TFR) for Plymouth in 2021 was 1.5.	No adverse impacts are anticipated from this decision	Not applicable	Not applicable

Race	<p>In 2021, 94.9 per cent of Plymouth's population identified their ethnicity as White, 2.3 per cent as Asian and 1.1 per cent as Black (2021 Census)</p> <p>People with a mixed ethnic background comprised 1.8 per cent of the population. 1 per cent of the population use a different term to describe their ethnicity (2021 Census)</p> <p>92.7 per cent of residents speak English as their main language. 2021 Census data shows that after English, Polish, Romanian, Chinese, Portuguese, and Arabic are the most spoken languages in Plymouth (2021 Census).</p>	No adverse impacts are anticipated from this decision	Not applicable	Not applicable
Religion or belief	<p>48.9 per cent of the Plymouth population stated they had no religion. 42.5 per cent of the population identified as Christian (2021 Census).</p> <p>Those who identified as Muslim account for 1.3 per cent of Plymouth's population while Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish or Sikh combined totalled less than 1 per cent (2021 Census).</p>	No adverse impacts are anticipated from this decision	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sex	51 per cent of our population are women and 49 per cent are men (2021 Census).	No adverse impacts are anticipated from this decision	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sexual orientation	88.95 per cent of residents aged 16 years and over in Plymouth describe their sexual orientation as straight or heterosexual. 2.06 per cent describe their sexuality as bisexual, 1.97 per cent of people describe their sexual orientation as gay or lesbian. 0.42 per cent of residents describe their sexual orientation using a different term (2021 Census).	No adverse impacts are anticipated from this decision	Not applicable	Not applicable

SECTION FOUR: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Human Rights	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
	No adverse impacts are anticipated from this decision	Not applicable	Not applicable

SECTION FIVE: OUR EQUALITY OBJECTIVES

Equality objectives	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
Work together in partnership to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ promote equality, diversity and inclusion ▪ facilitate community cohesion ▪ support people with different backgrounds and lived experiences to get on well together 	Plymouth City Council is committed to equal opportunities and the fair treatment of its workforce. As an employer, we have a clear policy of paying employees equally for the same or equivalent work regardless of gender or disability. The Council operates a comprehensive job evaluation scheme to ensure that rates of pay are fair and are based wholly on the role being undertaken.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Give specific consideration to care experienced people to improve their life outcomes, including access to training, employment and housing.	Plymouth City Council sets out to ensure that the Council's workforce can adapt and meet the ever-changing needs of the Council and our residents.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Build and develop a diverse workforce that represents the community and citizens it serves.	Plymouth City Council remains committed to celebrating the diversity of the city through employment and the community.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Support diverse communities to feel confident to report crime and anti-social behaviour, including hate crime and hate incidents, and work with partners to	The Council is committed to reducing and tackling hate crime and ensuring that victims are treated in a trauma informed manner to ensure that they get the outcome which is most appropriate for them. The Council works closely with the	Not applicable.	Not applicable.

ensure Plymouth is a city where everybody feels safe and welcome.	Safer Plymouth Partnership, the community safety partnership for the city. Hate crime data is monitored.		
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