

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Engineering Manager

DATE: 1 June 2006

SUBJECT: **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS –
STREETSMART PRESENTATION**

1 PURPOSE

This report provides an overview of the Street Smart solid waste management operations with Council and its key personnel will be present at the meeting to make a presentation to the Committee.

2 BACKGROUND

StreetSmart Limited (SSL) was awarded the TDC contract no. 613 for solid waste management operations in August 2004 for a contract sum of \$4,166,933.00. The contract was for three years commencing from 20 November 2004 with an additional two-year extension subject to satisfactory performance. The contract was openly tendered and evaluated on the weighted attribute method. SSL had the lowest price as well as the best attributes of the tenders received.

The contract provides for the delivery of most of Tasman District Council's solid waste services to the public including:

- Resource recovery stations at Richmond, Mariri, Takaka and Collingwood.
- Acceptance of recyclable materials and refuse collection, cash-handling, customer guidance, direction and assistance, removal and recovery of suitable materials, loading of residue for removal to landfill by others, recording and site management, including litter control and routine maintenance.
- Kerbside recycling for collection in specified parts of the District. This service originally only covered the Richmond/Brightwater area and was extended to the rest of the District in June 2005.
- Recyclable material processing and sale, including separating, wrapping, baling, storing, seeking out its contracting sales, despatching and retention of sale proceeds.
- Domestic refuse collection over the specified areas in the District including procurement, supply, stock control and wholesale distribution of official bags, collection of refuse and delivery to landfill resource recovery centres.

The financial structure of this contract is aimed at maximising the diversion from landfill of useable resources in the waste stream which enters the Council's systems and facilities.

3 COMMENT

There has been significant discussion regarding the operations under this contract, particularly the kerbside collections and some speculation regarding the efficacy of the contract operations.

SSL management have agreed to make a presentation to the Engineering Services Committee and are prepared to answer questions regarding the nature of the contract operations and any other details regarding their company's involvement with refuse recycling elsewhere in New Zealand. The issues that we have suggested that SSL cover are:

- A brief summary of the company's background and experience;
- An outline of its national structure and how Tasman fits into this;
- Details of staff and resources employed for TDC contract operations;
- Details of operations methodology;
- Details of processing of recyclables and market outlets;
- Waste reduction aspects of the contract operation;
- The wider view of recycling nationally and internationally.

Attending for StreetSmart will be Grahame Christian (Managing Director), Stephen Hand (General Manager) Garth Marshall (Tasman Manager) and Cliff Olsen (General Manager of Parks and Reserves Division).

The presentation is scheduled for 11.00 am. We have allocated one hour for the presentation and question and answer session.

4 RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report be received.

Peter Thomson
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