

2 CONTRACT FOR THE TREATMENT OF PAPER AND CARD (AN1-2026)

Following the expiration of the existing contract for the treatment of paper and card, it was necessary to undertake a procurement exercise to secure a contractor to accept this material from February 2026. A report to present a sourcing strategy for the procurement process was previously agreed at this committee (minute of meeting of 21st April, 2025, Article V, report 124-2025 refers).

The invitation to tender was issued via the Scotland Excel Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) Relating to The Treatment and Disposal of Recyclable and Residual Waste (27-17): Lot 2 Treatment of Paper, Cardboard, Newspapers, Pamphlets and Magazines (separate or mixed).

Following the tender closing date, evaluations were completed in November 2025. The bids were evaluated on service requirements, contract administration and pricing the rebate per tonne which included the haulage costs from Marchbanks transfer station, 34 Harefield Road, Dundee, DD2 3JW. One bid was received, and following the subsequent evaluation of the bid, the table below demonstrates that Smurfit Westrock Recovered Fibre UK had the highest ranking for cost and quality.

Bidder	Evaluated Bid Prices	Overall Price/ Quality Ranking
Smurfit Westrock Recovered Fibre UK, Tamworth	£40 per tonne rebate	1

It is recommended that the contract be awarded to: Smurfit Westrock Recovered Fibre UK.

The paper and card will be reprocessed at Smurfit Westrock, Vermont Street, Glasgow, G41 1LT.

The contract will commence on 2nd February, 2026 and will endure for two years until 1st February, 2028.

The Council may extend the contract by one or more further periods of up to one year (up to a maximum of two further one-year periods).

The total value of the contract for the duration of the two-year specified period is anticipated to result in an income of approximately £346,000.

If the extension options are enacted, an income of approximately £692,000 would be received over the duration of the contract (4 years).

The Executive Director of Corporate Services has confirmed the agreement of these recommendations will result in recurring income of £0.173m for the Waste Management division of Neighbourhood Services. This income is already assumed within the approved Revenue Budget 2025-26.