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To : Management Board

Procurement of a Bin Collection Service

Background Information – Bin collection is carried out for the Electoral Office by the relevant local city or district council. The only exception being the Londonderry Electoral Office where the service is provided by a private company named SITA, as a result of a procurement exercise carried out in 2002 by Patricia Murphy.

In order to properly procure this service EONI invited quotations from five suppliers. I have outlined below the quotations received from these suppliers starting with the most competitive.

1. Biffa - £ 1,921 for twelve months
2. Current Suppliers - £ 2,500 for twelve months
3. Veolia - £ 3,380 for twelve months
4. Waste Beater - £ 5,837 for twelve months
5. SITA – did not quote

In advance of the decision EONI approached three current BIFFA customers – Malone College, St Clare's Primary School, Belfast and SRCL in Antrim to seek their opinion on BIFFA as a supplier. The latter two replied and their comments were favourable. Malone College did not reply.

Decision Required – Two options outlined below

Options

- Select BIFFA but only after seeking further opinions from customers in the same location as our offices. If these opinions are positive then serve appropriate notice to our current suppliers of our intention.
- As the saving is only £ 500 per annum stick with the current suppliers who seldom let us down.

Recommendation – Select BIFFA