

Scrutiny Briefing 14 March

Waste, Recycling and Street Cleansing Contract Specification

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SOUTH LONDON WASTE PARTNERSHIP



- Four boroughs
- c. 1 million residents
- c. 400,000 households
- Formed in 2003
- Voluntary partnership bound by legally-binding Inter Authority Agreements
- Enables authorities to pool their resources, finances and expertise to find better and more cost-effective solutions
- Governance: Joint Committee (Members) and Joint Waste Officer Board (Officers)



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The story so far

- Cabinet made a decision on 16 November 2022 to not renew with Veolia (including Options Appraisal)
- Developing Commissioning Strategy
- That Strategy will come before cabinet on 24 May 2023 setting out the approach to commissioning the future contract decision
- All Member Briefing (27/02 and 16/03)
- Resident Engagement (Jan-March 2023)

Croydon context

- Waste collection and street cleansing are statutory, universal services – costs Croydon c.£13.5m pa.
- Croydon is the largest London borough
- In one month, Veolia carryout c.1.4m collections
- Of these c.3.7k are communal collection points
- Communal collections make up c.3% of the total service provided but impact nearly c.20% of our residents.
- Over 138,000 tonnes of household waste collected each year
- Over 1,000 bulky waste collections carried out each month.
- Over 2,500 new waste containers delivered to residents each month.
- All streets swept and litter picked and maintained to at least Grade B
- Small contract monitoring team serving the borough

Croydon Environmental Services

Waste

- Statutory and universal service
- Residual Waste
- Recycling – mainly twin stream
- Food waste
- Green waste
- Bulky Waste collections
- Assisted Collections
- Clinical Waste

Street Cleansing

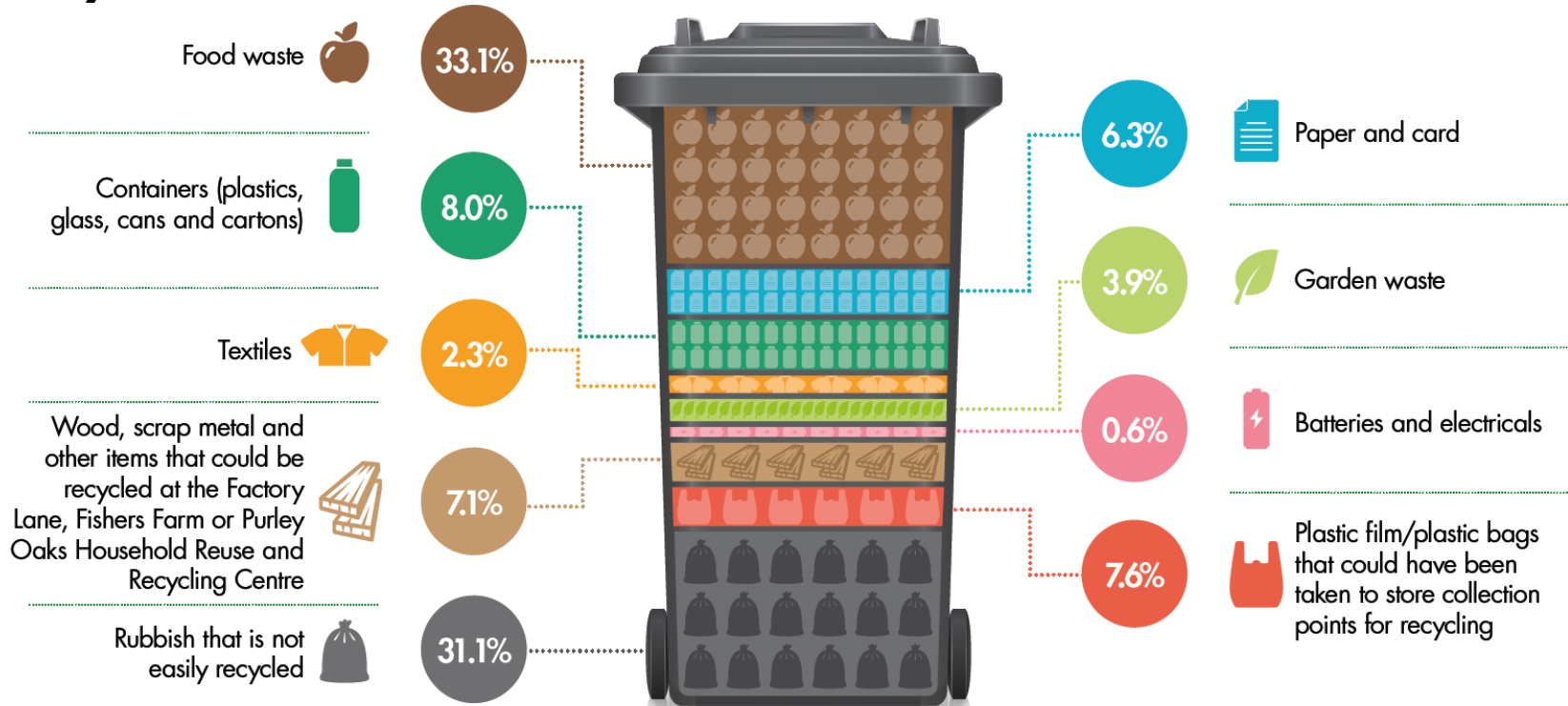
- 483 Km of road swept and cleansed
- Veolia is required to clean streets to a “Grade A Standard” and maintain them to a “Grade B Standard”
- 612 Litter Bins emptied
- 150 Big Belly Bins emptied
- >1600 fly tips cleared a month

Future Service Design considerations

- Government Policy Development (Recycling consistency, Deposit Return, Extended producer Responsibility)
- Council's Carbon Reduction Commitment
- Council's Financial Planning
- Global market for recyclable material
- Risk averse approach from the waste industry
- Covid impact on waste arisings and consumer habits
- Labour market and supply chain
- GLA Collection Conformity Criteria

Residual Composition Analysis (average)

Croydon



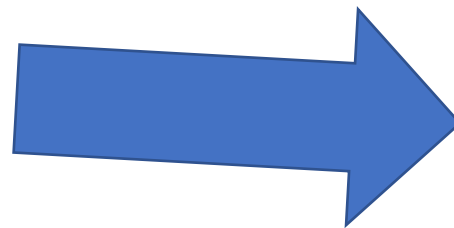
Some differences between Kerbside and Communal

% residual waste recyclable:
Over 50% of Kerbside
Approx 60% of Communal

Still significant food still in packaging, in residual:
13.9% Kerbside
15% Communal

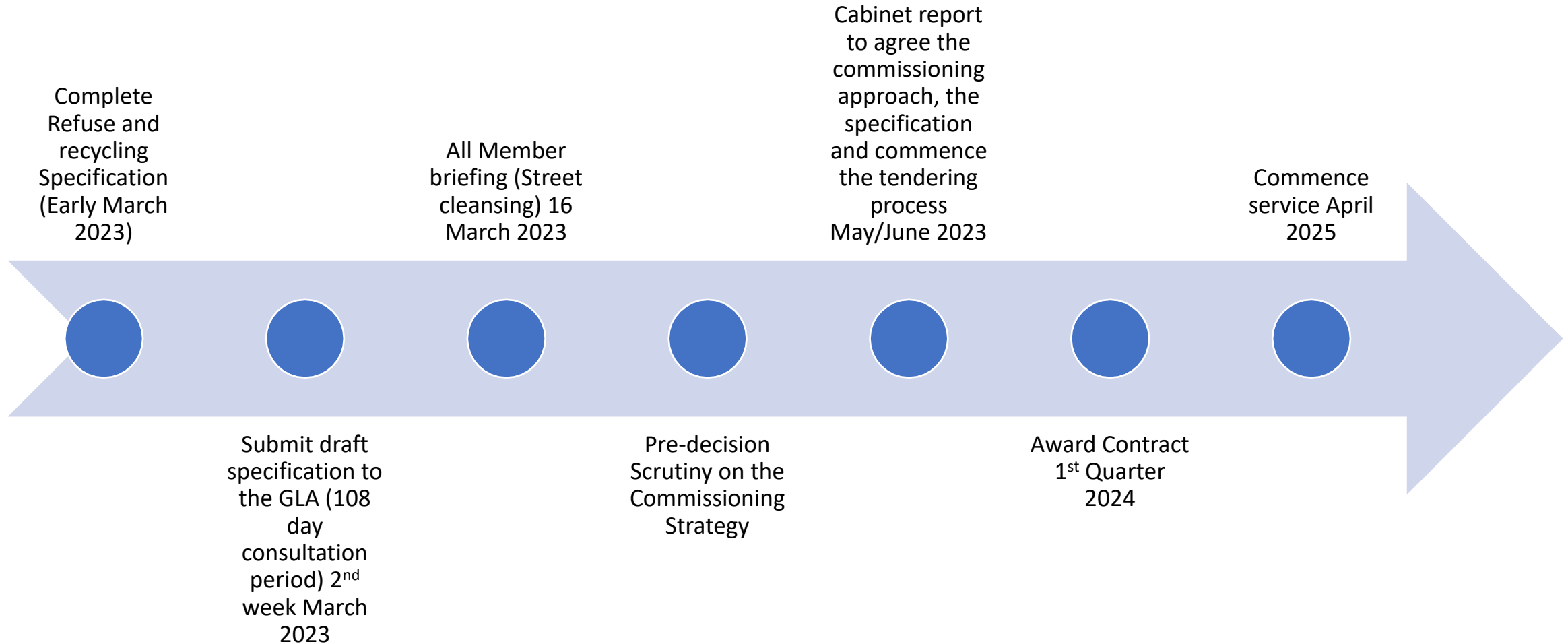
Croydon's approach

- Mayor's Business Plan
- Lessons learned
- Residents' Engagement completed – awaiting analysis
- Strategic risks
- Targets and behaviours



Service
Specification
and Approach

Summary and next steps



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