

Press Release

Milton Keynes Council set to increase recycling, smarten up streets and reduce carbon emissions

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Milton Keynes residents will benefit from more household collections, more recycling and less waste being sent to landfill after the Council selected a new company to provide environmental services.

After an extensive tendering process, Milton Keynes Council has chosen Serco to introduce the improvements which will include collecting rubbish and recycling on the same day, kitchen waste collections, 'green' vehicles as well as devising more environmentally friendly collection routes.

In addition to helping the council reduce its carbon footprint, Serco will also campaign to encourage the residents of Milton Keynes to reduce, reuse and recycle and provide high profile street cleansing services aimed at increasing public satisfaction.

Serco is preferred bidder for the seven year, £80m contract, which is due to start in 2009 and could be extended for a further seven years.

Mike Boulton, Managing Director of Serco's Local Government business, said: "We are very excited by our new partnership with Milton Keynes Council as we share the council's view that environmental issues are increasingly important and that we must engage with the community to improve these services."

Councillor Chris Williams, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services at Milton Keynes Council, added: "With the predicted growth of Milton Keynes, waste and recycling will become even more prominent. I look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with Serco."

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