



## Belfast City Council

**Report to:** Health & Environmental Services Committee

**Subject:** **arc21 Supplemental Agreement**

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### Relevant Background Information

Members may recall that, following legal advice from the arc21 legal team supported by the Council's Legal Services Department, it was deemed necessary to review and supplement the original arc21 Collaboration Agreement in order to assure the waste sector of the cohesion of the Group and the robustness of the commitment of constituent councils in the run up to the Residual Waste tender. This is being undertaken in the interests of receiving sufficient competition and ultimately delivery of a Best Value solution.

The attached Supplemental Agreement is a product of detailed consideration by our legal team in association with arc21 and the council officers.

Following further consideration by arc 21 and district council officers and legal advisors, and subsequent amendment, the attached Agreement has been agreed by the arc 21 Joint Committee at its meeting on 25 September and is now being referred to each of the constituent councils for consideration and approval.

### Key Issues

The original arc21 Collaboration Agreement was considered fit for purpose for the initial contracts collectively procured but, as the complexity and value of the contracts rose and the need for a legally more cohesive arrangement between the councils became apparent, the legal team associated with arc21 prepared a more comprehensive document to underpin the Organic Waste Treatment Service Contract and the Residual Waste tender which is underway.

Following adoption by the Joint Committee in September, the Committee is recommended to approve the arc21 Supplemental Agreement.

<b>Resource Implications</b>
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<b>Recommendations</b>
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The Committee is requested to approve the attached arc21 Supplemental Agreement.
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<b>Abbreviations</b>
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<b>Documents Attached</b>
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