

HRM is effectively managing certain aspects of its solid waste operations to ensure it achieves value-for-money and protects the public interest Auditor General, Evangeline Colman-Sadd, said in her report released today, February 17, 2022.

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The audit found the solid waste vendor selection process was fair and consistent with HRM's procurement policy; solid waste collections and disposal contracts included terms that provide value-for-money and protect the public interest.

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