

Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee



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Waste Programme - Update

Joint report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive and Terry Collins, Corporate Director, Neighbourhoods

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with supporting information in advance of the update on the waste programme.

Background

- 2 The work programme for Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee includes monitoring the delivery of the Council's waste strategy and performance. This is in relation to the objective of "Delivering a Sustainable Approach to Waste Management" within the Altogether Greener section of the Council Plan.
- 3 The work of the Waste Programme between March 2010 and June of 2013, completely transformed that Council's waste management service introducing new collection methods and procuring new contracts for recycling and disposal. This work has now developed into maintaining a sustainable approach to waste management in the face of reducing funding and challenging market conditions, along with monitoring of performance of the existing arrangements.

Update

- 4 An update on the progress of the waste programme will be presented by Alan Patrickson, Head of Projects and Business Services for the information of the committee.
- 5 The introduction of a subscription service for Garden Waste collection was a significant change to this popular service in 2015. The update will present the outcomes and learning from the first year of this new service.
- 6 An update will be provided on the capital programme within the waste management service to repair and update the County's four waste transfer stations. Waste transfer stations are an essential link in the chain for waste management logistics, providing a tip off point for refuse collection vehicles where waste can be bulked into larger vehicles for efficient onward transportation.

- 7 The Council continues to run a number of education and awareness campaigns relating to recycling and waste management to encourage good environmental practice among residents. The presentation will include a brief update on a number of these campaigns.

Recommendation

- 8 It is recommended that the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the waste programme update.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - None

Staffing - None

Risk – None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – There are no equality and diversity issues to be considered as part of this update.

Accommodation – None

Crime and Disorder - None

Human Rights – none

Consultation – None.

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None.

Legal Implications –. None