

# Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee



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## Waste Programme - Update

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### Joint report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive and Oliver Sherratt, Corporate Director, Neighbourhood Services

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#### 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 Direct Services and 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 and an update on the performance in 2016 to date.
- 6 An update will be provided on the capital programme within the waste management service regarding replacing Thornley waste transfer station and Stainton Grove Household Waste Recycling Centre. 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 Additionally Stainton Grove Household Waste Recycling Centre has for a number of years been highlighted for replacement due to restrictions related to size and opening hours of the existing site. A new facility has been designed to be built at the existing Teesdale Depot site and a Planning Application has recently been submitted.

### **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**

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**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