

Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee



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Waste Programme - Update

Joint report of Ian Thompson, Corporate Director Regeneration and Local services and Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and Partnerships

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 was initiated in 2010 and by June 2013 had 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 scheme has now run successfully for two years. In 2017 the price charged will increase for the first time. The update will present plans for service delivery in 2017.
- 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 national policy perspective for waste management is constantly evolving as we seek to manage waste in ever more sustainable ways. The update will touch on a number of existing and emerging issues at a national level for the information of the committee and their implications for County Durham.

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