

## **Report to Cabinet**

**Subject:** Draft Waste & Recycling Policy

**Date:** 16 June 2022

**Author:** Head of Environment

### **Wards Affected**

Borough wide

### **Purpose**

To recommend adoption of the Waste & Recycling Policy which includes the Nottinghamshire Principles for the Reduction of Contamination, following public consultation.

### **Key Decision**

This is a key decision as the Waste & Recycling Policy, if approved, is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising of two or more wards of the Borough.

### **Recommendation(s)**

**THAT Cabinet :**

- 1) Adopts the Waste & Recycling Policy, which includes the Nottinghamshire Principles for the Reduction of Contamination, following public consultation. (Appendix A).**
- 2) Notes the summary and analysis of the consultation (Appendix B)**
- 3) Notes the Equalities Impact Assessment accompanying the policy document (Appendix C)**

## **1 Background**

1.1 Gedling Borough Council has revised their waste policy in order to progress the stated ambitions of the Council, to formalise the approach and to address areas of under-performance in relation to recycling rates

and levels of recycling contamination. This Policy also serves to support the Council's Carbon Management Strategy.

- 1.2 An associated Waste & Recycling Strategy is also being developed to set out the approach of the Council in terms of how the Policy will be delivered for residents, organisations and businesses in Gedling Borough within the national, regional and local context both through and with partners.
- 1.3 As good practice the council held a public consultation between 4<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to ascertain resident's views on the policy document. 33 responses were received via the website and email. These are summarised in the consultation review Appendix B and have been incorporated into the policy. The comments made have not resulted in any overall material change to the policy. Many comments though directed via the Waste Policy were more pertinent to the delivery of the Carbon Management Strategy that this policy supports and will be picked up in the delivery of that action plan and strategy moving forward.

## **2 Proposal**

- 2.1 That Cabinet adopt the Waste & Recycling Policy, which includes the Nottinghamshire Principles for the Reduction of Contamination, following public consultation. (Appendix A).

Notes the Equalities Impact Assessment accompanying the Carbon Management Strategy and Action Plan (Appendix B)

Notes the summary and analysis of the consultation (Appendix C)

## **3 Alternative Options**

- 3.1 Members could determine not to adopt the Nottinghamshire Principles for the Reduction of Contamination, but this is not recommended as support is required to improve performance countywide and also clarity for householders is intended to support this.

Member could determine not to adopt the Waste and Recycling Policy.

## **4 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Following approval a review of resources will take place which may require further budget approvals, and the establishment of a modest budget to support the implementation of a Waste & Recycling Policy following adoption of the policy.

## **5 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 The Environmental Protection Act 1990 and regulations made thereunder deal with the protection of the environment and specific responsibilities relating to litter and waste. The Act places a legal duty on local authorities to collect controlled waste and to recycle. The Act also provides the power to specify how waste should be presented for collection and how failure to comply with requirements can be enforced.

The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 also provides enforcement powers to local authorities to enable community protection warnings and notices to be issued to prevent conduct (such as obstructive vehicles) which impacts on the quality of life of those in the locality.

The Environment Act 2021 sets out new legal frameworks for environmental governance and includes commitments to secure improvement in five priority areas – waste and resource efficiency (part 3); air quality and environmental recall (part 4); water (part 5); nature and biodiversity (part 6), and conservation covenants (part 7). It legally binds the government and future governments to address these priority areas in order to improve the state of the environment. With regards to waste, it includes details on a new direction for resources and waste management.

Given the nature of the policy proposals, and that they relate to all households in the borough, the policy has been consulted upon. Although not statutorily required it is considered to be best practice. The results of the consultation have been taken into account and where relevant incorporated into the Waste & Recycling Policy document.

## **6 Equalities Implications**

- 6.1 The view is that an Equalities Impact Assessment is required for all policies developed for the Council to consider adopting. The assessment is provided at Appendix B of this report. The key elements are provided below:
- In terms of disability - the service offers a range of assistance in terms of householder responsibility for waste disposal. This ranges from an assisted pull out to options to receive communication materials in a range of formats, to ensure services are inclusive.
  - The clarity of information supports the ability of staff teams to apply the elements of policy consistently to all members of the community.

## **7 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications**

- 7.1 The Waste & Recycling Policy supports the efficient collection of waste which supports the carbon reduction agenda through minimisation of journeys by the fleet.
- 7.2 The Waste & Recycling Policy supports environmental sustainability through the stated aims of increasing recycling levels and reducing levels of contamination in recycling across the Borough.
- 7.3 The Waste & Recycling Policy also supports environmental sustainability through the stated aim of reducing levels of residual waste per household and delivers to the Council's approved Carbon Management Policy and action plan.

## **8 Appendices**

- 8.1 Appendix A - Waste & Recycling Policy
- 8.2 Appendix B - Waste Policy Consultation Review
- 8.3 Appendix C - Waste Policy Equalities Impact Assessment

## **9 Background Papers**

- 9.1 Working Group Terms of Reference - Waste Policy
- 9.2 Nottinghamshire Principles for the Reduction of Contamination
- 9.3 Report to Cabinet Waste Policy 27 January 2022

## **10 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 10.1 The recommendation is based on the performance improvement requirements in the waste service, identified in the regular performance reports provided to Councillors and Portfolio Holders.

### **Statutory Officer approval**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

**On behalf of the Chief Financial Officer**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

**On behalf of the Monitoring Officer**