

## **Report to Cabinet**

**Subject:** Consultation response to the Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) Waste Reduction, Reuse, Recycling and Composting Plan 2015-16.

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### **Wards Affected:**

Borough Wide

### **Purpose**

- 1. To bring to the attention of Cabinet the NCC consultation document that outlines their draft plan and proposals for waste reduction and the maximisation of composting and recycling rates across the County throughout 2015/16 (Appendix 1).**
- 2. To seek comments from Cabinet on the Gedling Borough Council draft response (Appendix 2) to the above document to enable a comprehensive submission to be made to NCC by the Corporate Director before the 3rd September 2015 when their finalised plan is presented at the meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Committee.**

### **Key Decision**

This is not a Key Decision

### **Background**

- 1.1 Within Nottinghamshire County there are two tier arrangements for the collection and disposal of municipal waste, with the County Council undertaking those statutory duties around waste disposal and the seven Borough and Districts undertaking statutory duties around waste collection.
- 1.2 NCC have a PFI waste disposal contract with Veolia (current until 2020) and within this arrangement they take contractual responsibility for the disposal of all collected waste and operate a number of 'recycling centres' across the County. The PFI contract target for 2020 is to achieve a recycling rate of 52% alongside reducing overall tonnages. This target itself aligns with the EU waste

directive target of 50% by 2020.

- 1.3 NCC is required, on an annual basis, to submit to DeFRA their plan to increase levels of recycling across the County in partnership with the Borough and District Councils. In preparing this plan views are gathered from individual Local Authorities and from the Joint Waste Management Committee (JWMC) which comprises of Members and Officers from across the County. This meeting is currently chaired by Cllr Peter Barnes.

The Committee met on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 to consider the County Council's 2015/16 draft planning document (**Appendix 1**).

- 1.4 The overall recycling rate for Nottinghamshire for the 2014/15 period was 43.26% with the Borough and District Council range varying from 21% to 51%.

Gedling Borough Council's recycling performance over recent years has ranged from 36% or 38%, so significantly short of the 2020 target of 45% suggested by NCC in order that the County can achieve its overall performance target.

- 1.5 NCC will present their draft planning document to Members of the Environment and Sustainability Committee on 3rd September 2015, then, following consultation and feedback from the Borough and District Councils, their completed document will be sent to DeFRA.

## **Proposal**

- 2.1 **Appendix 2** is a draft version of the response that Gedling Borough Council intends to submit to NCC following discussion at the JWMC meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015.
- 2.2 The views, opinions and further additions to this response are sought from Cabinet to enable a completed document to be drafted for submission to NCC in early August 2015.

## **Alternative Options**

- 3.1 The Council is not legally obliged to provide comment to the planning document (**Appendix 1**) and could choose not to do so.

## **Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Some of the NCC proposals, as outlined in the Council's consultation response, (**Appendix 2**) could have an adverse impact on our waste collection services leading to direct financial implications e.g. the potential for increased fly tipping occurrences that will need collecting by our staff.

Wherever possible these indirect costs will be monitored for future discussions with NCC if the proposals are ultimately pursued.

4.2 Reference is also made (within **Appendix 1** – para 5.8 page 10) to Gedling Borough Council undertaking additional household waste collections over the 2015/16 Christmas/New Year period. As a manifesto commitment this work is being built into the department's Service Plan and it is anticipated, at this stage, that any costs arising from this additional service should be met from within the existing budget allocation.

5.1 **Appendix 1.**

Waste reduction, Reuse, Recycling and Composting Plan 2015/16.

**Appendix 2.**

The Gedling Borough Council draft response to the above document.

**Background Papers**

None identified.

**Recommendations**

**That Cabinet:**

- 1. Note the draft NCC Waste reduction, Reuse, Recycling and Composting Plan 2015/16 (Appendix 1)**
- 2. Following discussion and feedback, authorise the Corporate Director to submit the Council's formal response.**

**Reasons for Recommendations**

It is important, for the reasons highlighted that Gedling Borough Council's views are taken into consideration by Nottinghamshire County Council before the final submission is made to DeFRA.