

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY & WASTE MANAGEMENT CABINET PANEL

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**LOCAL AUTHORITY COLLECTED WASTE SPATIAL STRATEGY 2016 –
HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE ANNEX DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Report of the Chief Executive & Director of Environment

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To present the Cabinet Panel with an update on the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) annex to the Local Authority Collected Waste (LACW) Spatial Strategy 2016. This document is being prepared by the Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) and is due to be completed in late summer 2017. The annex will set out an assessment of the HWRC network and identify the WDAs vision for a robust, efficient and fit for purpose service that is capable of fulfilling future demand.
- 1.2. This information report highlights the information that will be used to inform the upcoming report due to be presented to the Cabinet Panel later this financial year.

2. Background

- 2.1. The LACW Spatial Strategy 2016 sets out an assessment of desirable new and improved waste management facilities required in the county over the period to 2031 to better enable the sustainable management of LACW. The strategy is not a policy document and does not represent a formal position. It was presented to the Community Safety & Waste Management Cabinet Panel on 1 November 2016 and can be found as 05 – Item 5 – Appendix 1 on the following link:
<http://cmis.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hertfordshire/Calendarofcouncilmeetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/563/Committee/53/Default.aspx>

2.2. The strategy has been shared with the Waste Planning Authority, Waste Collection Authorities, the District and Borough Councils' Planning Teams and other relevant decision makers. This will enable other relevant services and organisations to fully understand the aspirations, requirements and vision of the WDA and consider these as part of their operational and planning processes.

2.3. At the November 2016 Panel it was highlighted that further important work was needed to complete the strategy particularly in relation to the understanding, analysis and assessment of the 17 HWRCs. Officers undertook to provide updates to the Cabinet Panel as this work progressed.

3. Recommendation

3.1. The Cabinet Panel are asked to note the LACW Spatial Strategy 2016 HWRC annex development update.

4. The Household Waste Recycling Centre annex

4.1. The HWRC network is an important frontline service that currently receives approximately 2.4 million visits per annum. The annex will set out an assessment of the current HWRC network and identify the WDAs vision for a robust service that is capable of fulfilling future demand.

4.2. An assessment of all 17 centres within the current network is underway and this information will be used to identify a revised HWRC network and service provision criteria.

4.3. Appendix 1 to this report provides details of each HWRC and information gathered to date. This includes;

- Property ownership, location and aerial photo;
- Site capacity information and service user catchment areas;
- Average number of visitors and usage patterns.

4.4. Since August 2016 trip counter equipment has been installed at the majority of centres¹. Initial analysis has identified five sites; Bishops' Stortford, Cole Green, Hoddesdon, Turnford and Ware that do not have sufficient capacity to deal with demand. Other centres may also have insufficient capacity as the trip counter information assumes use of the service is equally dispersed over the opening hours and is not sophisticated enough take account of queuing and peak times.

¹ All HWRCs apart from Buntingford as there is not a single entrance point to this centre.

- 4.5. The installation of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) equipment at the HWRCs² will enable more detailed analysis of how the centres are used and their capacity. This equipment is in place and will be operational in June.
- 4.6. During March 2017 a postcode survey was conducted at all of the 17 HWRCs. As visitors arrived they were asked to provide their home postcode. This information has been used to identify the catchment area of each HWRC and establish use of the service by those who live outside of county and distances residents have travelled.
- 4.7. Analysis of this data will help with the development of an informed vision of HWRC network requirements and proposals for the future provision of an effective and efficient HWRS.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6. Equalities implications

- 6.1. When considering proposals placed before Members it is important that they are fully aware of, and have themselves rigorously considered the equalities implications of the decision that they are taking.
- 6.2. Rigorous consideration will ensure that proper appreciation of any potential impact of that decision on the County Council's statutory obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty. As a minimum this requires decision makers to read and carefully consider the content of any Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) produced by officers.
- 6.3. The Equality Act 2010 requires the Council when exercising its functions to have due regard to the need to (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act; (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it and (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. The protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion and belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 6.4. No EqIA was undertaken in relation to this matter as this information report has no implications for any persons with protected characteristics.

Background documents:

Appendix 1- Waste Spatial Strategy Index is attached as a separate document.

² Apart from Buntingford as there is not a single entrance point to this centre and Cole Green due to the high cost of connecting the system to the existing broadband infrastructure.