

EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIO: COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

1. Cabinet decisions since the last Executive Report to the County Council

- 1.1 There will have been 4 Cabinet meetings (16 December 2016, 23 January 2017, 20 February 2017 and 13 March 2017) since the last Executive Report to County Council in November 2016. There were no items of business specifically attributed to this portfolio.

2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of the County Council on 15 November 2016

- 2.1 There are no consequences of cabinet decisions taken before 15 November 2016.

3. Anticipated/ future decisions to be made by Cabinet

- 3.1 There are no decisions planned for presentation to Cabinet related to Community Safety and Waste Management.

4. Key Partnerships

- 4.1 In my role as Chairman of the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership (HWP) it is worth updating colleagues on some important progress related to joint working and fly tipping.
- 4.2 The East Herts / North Herts joint waste project is continuing with finishing touches being made to the specification. Whilst there has been some delay it is anticipated that the formal procurement process will launch shortly with a notice placed in the Official Journal of the European Union. I am also pleased to report that a number of other boroughs and districts have also started early work to assess the potential for combining waste, recycling and street cleansing services.
- 4.3 I previously reported that the HWP had taken over responsibility for the Hertfordshire Fly Tipping Group. Since then over £82,000 of funding has been secured from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner which has supported the development of 8 new projects to tackle fly tipping. These range from the purchase of new covert cameras to the running of a specially designed enforcement academy to equalise upwards the standard of investigations into fly tipping with a view to achieve better responses from the courts when such matters are considered. I am also pleased to confirm that provisional numbers for October– December 2016 show an overall reduction in the number of reported incidents compared to 2015. This is first reported reduction in a number of years.

5. Other comments

- 5.1 Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service underwent a Local Government Authority Peer Review in October 2016. The final report has now been received and is very positive in many respects. Areas highlighted as worthy of attention were Estates, IT systems and succession planning. A significant number of areas of notable practice were highlighted; these included the integration of Trading Standards and Fire Protection to form the Joint Protective Services Team and the operational performance of the Service. The full report has been published online here: [Fire and Rescue Peer Challenge Report 2016](#)
- 5.2 The planning application for the proposed Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility (RERF) was submitted to the Waste Planning Authority (WPA) by Veolia (ES) Hertfordshire Ltd in late December 2016. The WPA is now managing the process of consultation that is currently scheduled to run until the end of March 2017. The company has also submitted its application for an Environmental Permit for their facility to the Environment Agency. Once 'duly made' the Agency will set out its own plans for consultation that will be considered independently from, but in parallel to, the WPA's planning application.

6. Cabinet Panels

- 6.1 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel has met on 7 February 2017. The matters discussed can be found at the following location:

[7 February 2017](#)

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