

EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIO: COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PANEL**1. Cabinet decisions since the last Executive Report to the County Council**

- 1.1 There will have been 4 Cabinet meetings (18 July 2017, 25 September 2017, 23 October 2017, and 13 November 2017) since the last Executive Report to County Council. The item of business specifically attributed to the Community Protection part of this portfolio was:-

Cabinet – 18 July 2017

The potential transfer of governance of Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) from Hertfordshire County Council to the Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner - Cabinet agreed that the County Council should respond to the Police and Crime Commissioner's consultation, opposing the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposal to become the Fire and Rescue Authority for Hertfordshire.

Cabinet further supported the 'Representation' model of governance for the Fire and Rescue Authority, which would enhance collaboration and representation without incurring the disruption, costs and ongoing inefficiency arising from the 'Governance' model (also see paragraph 3.1 below)

- 1.2 There have been no Cabinet decisions relating to waste management since the last Executive Report to the County Council.

2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of the County Council on 18 July 2017

- 2.1 There are no consequences of Cabinet decisions taken before 18 July 2017 to report.

3. Anticipated/ future decisions to be made by Cabinet

- 3.1 The potential transfer of governance of Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service from the County Council to the Police and Crime Commissioner will involve an independent assessment process and a decision by the Home Secretary. Necessary information and decisions in relation to this will go through the Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel and Cabinet in due course.

4. Key Partnerships

- 4.1 The Community Protection Directorate is currently working across a number of collaborations. The role of Longfield Training Centre continues to evolve with joint training with neighbouring fire and rescue services. Hoddesdon station is soon to be established as the first tri-service (police, fire, ambulance) station in the

County. Through the East Coast Collaboration of fire service control rooms there will soon be a fully integrated control function across four fire and rescue services; through this work further efficiencies will be realised by both hardware and software innovation.

- 4.2 Continued cooperation with the district and borough councils in their role as waste collection authorities for the County is ongoing through the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership.

5. Other comments

- 5.1 Residual Waste Treatment Programme (RWTP): The County Council, in its role as the Waste Planning Authority (WPA), requested further information (known as a "Regulation 22" request) from Veolia Environmental Services Ltd, in response to its planning application for an Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) at Rye House, off Ratty's Lane, Hoddesdon. This necessitated a further round of consultation which closed on 21 September. The WPA is currently expected to bring its recommendation to the Development Control Committee, for determination of the application, on the 20 December 2017.
- 5.2 Interim residual waste disposal: The extension of the County Council's Interim residual Local Authority Collected Waste (LACW) disposal contracts, with arrangements for the continued use of existing facilities, has been confirmed. The suite of extensions confirms that the County Council will have surety of disposal for all of its residual LACW until March 2021. Negotiations have delivered significant reductions in the order of £2m per annum. Whilst this is excellent news, arrangements beyond the short term (post 2020) are less than certain in terms of location, availability and cost.
- 5.3 Expanding Ware HWRC: A planning application was submitted on the 16 August 2017. The application is being validated by the WPA with consultation expected to last 28 days. Subject to receiving approval, work is likely to commence in the summer of 2018 and the facility should be operational in the summer of 2019.
- 5.4 Reuse Centres: Planning permission for the expansion of the existing Harpenden re-use centre and a new Waterdale re-use centre was granted in August 2017. The improved re-use service is anticipated to begin in early February 2018.
- 5.5 Reviews of the inter-authority funding mechanisms for transport subsidy (payments made by the County Council to the district and borough councils for delivering waste for disposal) and the Alternative Financial Model (AFM) are underway through the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership. The proposed changes are designed to simplify the model and are not considered contentious; however, further consultation and analysis of the impact will take place in the coming months.

6. Cabinet Panels

- 6.1 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel has met on 13 July 2017 and 8 November 2017. The matters discussed can be found at the following locations:

[Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel - 13 July 2017](#)

[Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel - 8 November 2017](#)

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