

PORTFOLIO: COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

1. Cabinet decisions since the last meeting of County Council

- 1.1 There will have been 5 Cabinet meetings (23 April 2018, 14 May 2018, 25 May 2018, 18 June 2018 and 9 July 2018) since the last Executive Report to County Council on 27 March 2018. The item of business specifically attributed to this portfolio is detailed below:-

Cabinet – 18 June 2018

The potential transfer of governance of Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service from Hertfordshire County Council to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) submitted an addendum to the local business case on 8 June. Cabinet agreed the process through which the County Council will formally respond and that the previously stated position of the Council in opposing the PCC's Local Business Case should not change.

2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of the County Council on 22 May 2018

- 2.1 Nothing to report.

3. Anticipated/ future decisions to be made by Cabinet

Cabinet – 9 July 2018

A042/18 Approval of Regulation of Investigatory Powers (RIPA) Annual Report and the Adoption of a new Policy on Social Media in Investigations – Cabinet will receive its annual report on the use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (RIPA) within Hertfordshire County Council over the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 and will be invited to agree the use of policies on:

- (a) Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligent Sources; and
- (b) Acquisition and Disclosure of Communications Data from communication service providers.
- (c) The Use of Social Media in Investigations.

Cabinet – 24 September 2018

The provision of a sustainable Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) network: Cabinet may, subject to the view of the Cabinet Panel meeting on 10 September 2018, be required to consider a form of consultation to residents and timetable on options for cost recovery within the service. This could include seeking views on charging for the disposal of wastes that the Authority is not obliged to accept free of charge, further restricting the use of the centres by van, trailers and/or commercial type vehicles and restricting access to the centres by non-residents or requiring payment for access.

A045/18 Amendment to Trading Standards Formal Actions Policy -

Cabinet will be invited to approve a revised Trading Standards formal actions (prosecution) policy following legislation which gives Trading Standards departments the ability to issue penalty charge notices rather than taking prosecutions.

4. Key Partnerships

4.1 ADEPT Award

In early May at the Association of Directors of Environment, Planning & Transport (ADEPT) the Herts Fly Tipping Group (FTG) picked up its second honour of 2018 winning the Presidential Award for best project for 'Improving the Environment and Public Health'. The final figures for 2017/18 show the number of reported incidents fell by 2,731. This is a 17.9% reduction compared to 2016/17.

4.2 Hertfordshire Waste Partnership (HWP)

One of the highest priorities for the Member Group (which will have 5 new Members) will be to get to grips with the implications of the EU's recent adoption of the new Circular Economy Directive which the UK Government has confirmed will be reflected in the UK's new Resources & Waste Strategy due out in the autumn. This is likely to result in new and significant statutory targets for waste reduction and recycling.

5. Other comments

5.1 Residual Waste Treatment Programme

The public inquiry timetable for the planning application, from Veolia Environmental Services Ltd, for an Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) at Rye House, off Ratty's Lane, Hoddesdon has been confirmed and began on the 19th June. The inquiry includes a projected 20 'sitting days', concluding on the 2 August. There are 4 confirmed 'Rule 6' parties that will be represented in opposition to Veolia's proposals; they are the Borough of Broxbourne, Herts Without Waste, the Hoddesdon Society, and Nazeing Parish Council. Veolia, the Waste Planning Authority and the Rule 6 parties exchanged proofs of evidence on the 22 May. The majority of disposal arrangements under our current set of residual waste contracts expire in March 2021, with some arrangements coming to an end in 2020. The delay to the programme for the Rye House ERF means there is a requirement to secure short term 'bridging' contracts from 2020/21 to the point where Rye House (if positively determined) is operational or to provide alternative short term arrangements whilst a longer term view is developed.

5.2 The new Ware HWRC 'super-site' planning application

Following the last Executive Report to County Council, the application was not called in by the Secretary of State and planning permission was granted with a decision notice dated 13 March 2018. Officers are working with the main contractor to discharge planning conditions and, should matters proceed to timetable, it is expected that works on site will commence in October 2018. Construction is expected to take a year to complete during which time the existing facility will be unavailable. Discussions on alternative options for residents are underway with the HWRC contractor.

5.3 Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabularies and Fire & Rescue Services

(HMICFRS) are scheduled to inspect Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) from the 9 to 13 July. The HMIFRS team will be seeking to determine the efficiency and effectiveness of the service. The team will focus on three main themes:

- how effective HFRS is at preventing, protecting against and responding to fire and other risks;
- whether HFRS provides value for money
- how well HFRS looks after its people and ensures fairness and diversity.

6. Cabinet Panels

- 6.1 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel will have met on 27 April 2018 and 21 June 2018. The matters discussed can be found at the following locations:

[Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel - 27 April 2018](#)

[Community Safety and Waste Management Cabinet Panel - 21 June 2018](#)

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