

## Summary Sheet

### Council Report

Improving Places Select Commission 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016

### Title

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No

### Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

Catherine Parkinson.

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### Ward(s) Affected

Boroughwide

### Executive Summary

The purpose of this preliminary investigation is to provide recommendations to the Advisory Cabinet and to the Commissioners on waste management. Improving Places Select Commission are requested to consider the report and these recommendations and to make appropriate amendments.

It is part of a series of reviews being undertaken by Members of Improving Places Select Commission.

The T&F Gp considered options in relation to Household Waste Recycling Centres, re-use facilities, the collection of bulky items, green waste collections, kerbside collections of bric a brac and the collection of commercial waste.

In undertaking this piece of work, the T&F Gp requested and considered evidence from RMBC Officers, other local authorities, private contractors and charitable organisations to learn from their experiences in managing waste.

## **Recommendations**

### **That the Improving Places Select Commission**

- i) receives and considers the report and makes appropriate recommendations.**
  
- ii) Forwards the report to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for their consideration and approval.**

## **List of Appendices Included**

**Appendix 1**            The report from the T&F Gp 1 on the findings of the review.

## **Background Papers**

N/A

## **Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

No

## **Council Approval Required**

No

## **Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Title Improving Places T&F Group report on Waste Management.**

### **1. Recommendations**

- 1.1 **That the Improving Places Select Commission receives and considers the report and makes any appropriate amendments.**

### **2. Background**

- 2.1 This review was one of a number of service areas within Environment and Development Services, identified by the Commissioners and Elected Members as a potential scrutiny review to take place during 2015/2016. The findings from the review are to be presented to Improving Places Select Commission on 20th January 2016, OSMB on 26<sup>th</sup> February and then to the Commissioners and Advisory Cabinet.

### **3. Key Issues**

- 3.1 There is currently no waste strategy in operation.
- 3.2 The scope for charging for non-household waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres to raise income/reduce costs rather than reducing the number of hours HWRCs are open.
- 3.3 The existing contract for provision of HWRC's has a number of variations attached for the Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Waste Partnership.
- 3.4 A kerbside collection is currently available for textiles but minimal amounts are collected, indicating that residents may not know about this service.
- 3.5 The Council has the option whether or not to charge for the collection of green waste. The T&F Gp thought that introducing charging for collection of green waste would be viewed by residents as an erosion of services and increase fly tipping and reduce recycling.
- 3.6 The collection of bulky items is a service provided by the Council which is price sensitive.
- 3.7 There is currently spare capacity in relation to the collection of commercial waste at the Treatment Plant at Manvers.

### **4. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 4.1 That a waste strategy is developed based on the Barnsley, Doncaster Waste Partnership

- 4.2 Explore the options for FCC Environmental to introduce a charge for non- household waste at HWRCs.
- 4.3 That future contracts for provision of HWRC's are considered across Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham to take advantages of economies of scale
- 4.4 The option to work with a charitable organisation is to be considered for the collection of textiles and bric a brac.
- 4.5 In relation to the collection of green waste, the T&F Gp recommend that ways of promoting home composting be promoted including offering free/subsidised compost bins to residents.

## **5. Consultation**

- 5.1 Consultation has taken place as set out in the report.

## **6. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 6.1 Referred to OSMB, Commissioners and Advisory Cabinet by end of February 2016.

## **7. Financial and Procurement Implications**

- 7.1 None at this stage but any future changes to how services are provided may provide income generation or make financial savings in forthcoming years.

## **8. Legal Implications**

- 8.1 The Council's Statutory obligations in respect of Waste Management are as set out at Part 3 of the Report.

## **9. Human Resources Implications**

- 9.1 N/A

## **10. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

- 10.1 N/A

## **11 Equalities and Human Rights Implications**

- 11.1 N/A

## **12. Implications for Partners and Other Directorates**

- 12.1 N/A

### **13. Risks and Mitigation**

13.1 None at this stage.

### **14. Accountable Officer(s)**

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Approvals Obtained from:-

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Director of Legal Services:- Stuart Fletcher

Head of Procurement (if appropriate):- N/A

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