

Summary Sheet

Council Report

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board 21st April 2016

Title

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

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Boroughwide

Executive Summary

The report outlines the findings and recommendations of a scrutiny review undertaken by members of the Improving Places Select Commission into waste management.

A Task and Finish Group was established and, considered options in relation to

- Household Waste Recycling Centres;
- Re-use facilities;
- Collection of bulky items;
- Green waste collections;
- Kerbside collections of bric-a-brac; and
- Collection of commercial waste.

In undertaking this piece of work, the Group 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 Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

- 1 Receives and considers the report and makes any appropriate amendments and recommendations; and**
- 2 Forwards the final report to Commissioners and Cabinet for their consideration.**

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 The report from the Group on the findings of the Waste Management Review.

Background Papers

N/A

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

Improving Places Select Committee 20th January 2016

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Title Improving Places Task and Finish Group report on Waste Management.

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board receives and considers the report and makes any appropriate amendments and recommendations**
- 1.2 Forwards the final report to Commissioners and Cabinet for their consideration.**

2. Background

- 2.1 This review was one of a number of service areas identified by the Commissioners and Elected Members to take place during 2015/2016.
- 2.2 The findings from the review were presented to Improving Places Select Commission on 20th January 2016. Following its consideration by OSMB on 22nd April, it will be forwarded to Cabinet and Commissioners for decision.

3. Key Issues

The review concluded:

- 3.1 A kerbside collection is currently available for textiles but minimal amounts are collected, indicating that residents may not know about this service.
- 3.2 There is a risk that the introduction of charges for collection of green waste may be viewed by residents as an erosion of services. There is also a corresponding risk that should charges be introduced, green waste would be disposed of in other ways e.g. fly tipping and or through domestic waste, which may impact negatively on income targets in other parts of the service and reduce recycling.
- 3.3 The charge for the collection of bulky items is price sensitive. There is a risk if the charges for this service is too high residents may find other ways of disposing of items, possibly through fly tipping.
- 3.4 The Council currently holds 12% of the market share for the collection of commercial waste in Rotherham. There is potential to increase this share, thus generating income. There is also currently spare capacity in relation to the collection of commercial waste at the treatment plant at Manvers.
- 3.5 That future contracts for provision of HWRC's are considered across Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham to take advantages of economies of scale and potentially ease of managing the contracts.

- 3.6 The option to work with a charitable organisation is to be considered for the collection of textiles and bric a brac.
- 3.7 In relation to the collection of green waste, the Group recommend that ways of promoting home composting be promoted including offering free/subsidised compost bins to residents.
- 3.8 The Council does not have a current waste strategy in operation which could result in fragmentation, duplication and lack of clear direction for the service, particularly in light of the development of the waste partnership with Barnsley and Doncaster Councils.
- 3.9 As an alternative to reducing the opening hours of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs), the scope to charge for non-household waste to raise income to meet saving targets should be explored.
- 3.10 The existing contract for provision of HWRC's has a number of variations attached for the Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Waste. The Task & Finish Group thought that it would be more appropriate to have one contract for the whole region.

4. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 4.1 In undertaking this piece of work, the Group requested and considered evidence from RMBC Officers, other local authorities, private contractors and charitable organisations to learn from their experiences in managing waste. The recommendations are contained in Section 7 of the report

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 21St April, date of referral to Commissioners and Cabinet to be confirmed 2016.

7. Financial and Procurement Implications

- 7.1 The review recommends changes to services which may have future financial and procurement implications.
- 7.2 The Council needs to be aware that there other organisations that will be able to provide the bric a brac/bulky items collection service and this needs to be considered as part of the procurement process.

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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