

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO THE
Economy Environment & Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Date 17th December 2019

REPORT TITLE: Recycling & Waste Service

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Portfolio: Environment & Recycling

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

This report has been prepared for members to consider following requests from the Chair for updates and statements on the following issues:-

- Progress on the development for the introduction of the new recycling collection Service.

Recommendations

That the report be noted.

1. **Background**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 17th October 2018, Cabinet resolved that the Economy, Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee receive regular updates from the Cabinet Member on the detailed planning and modelling of the new recycling service including timescales and costs in the run up to its implementation to help shape its design and direction and report back into the Cabinets decision making process.

2. **Issues**

2.1 **Progress on the development for the introduction of the new recycling collection service.**

In terms of specific work streams, the following progress has been made –

Round Modelling

Round modelling is now complete, and is now going into testing and fine tuning. The service will remain on a five day working week, and there will be minimal day changes for residents.

Procurement

Procurement of the following items has been completed with contracts awarded and orders placed for the following –

- Wheeled bins to hold Glass, Cans and Plastic
- Bags to hold cardboard and paper.
- Vehicles for the supply of at least 7 split body RCV's, and 7 food waste vehicles.
- Processing of Glass Cans and Plastic through a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) – the Council has opted to join the Staffordshire Waste Partnerships contract with Biffa, as it offers the best value for the Council, and allows it to align with other districts in Staffordshire for future potential joint contracts.

3. **Options Considered** (if any)

Not applicable to this report

4. **Proposal**

Not applicable to this report

5. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

Not applicable to this report

6. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

6.1 Development of a new recycling service is a key Corporate Priority.

7. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

7.1 The Council has a legal duty under the Waste Framework Directive 2012, to provide collection services for non-recyclable waste, and to collect separately four streams of recycling, namely, paper/card (fibre), metal, plastic, and glass all free of charge.

8. **Equality Impact Assessment**

All recycling and waste collection services, both current and proposed are subject to the department undertaking a Equality Impact Assessment.

9. **Financial and Resource Implications**

9.1 This report details financial implications as detailed in section 2.2 above.

10. **Major Risks**

Not applicable to this report

11. **Sustainability and Climate Change Implications**

Not applicable to this report

12. **Key Decision Information**

Not applicable to this report

13. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

Not applicable to this report

14. **List of Appendices**

None

15. **Background Papers**

None