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Key Decision - Yes

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Waste Minimisation Strategy

Meeting/Date: Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Customers and Partnerships) – 3rd December 2020

Executive Portfolio: Executive Councillor for Operations and Environment, Councillor Marge Beuttell

Report by: Operations Manager for Waste and Recycling, Andrew Rogan

Wards affected: All

Executive Summary:

The Waste Minimisation Strategy responds to the main challenges faced by the Council Waste and Recycling Collection service. The Vision for the Waste services is set out in the Council's own vision and ambition of achieving 60% re-use and recycling rate as well as our commitment to good environmental stewardship and long-term sustainability.

Our Vision

Huntingdonshire District Council is committed to managing waste in accordance with the waste hierarchy and controlling the growth of waste collected at the kerbside by promoting waste minimisation through re-use, recycling and composting with our main focus being on these key objectives.

- Reduce the amount of waste that is collected from household through our kerbside collections.
- Achieve a greater than 60% diversion of waste from landfill in line with the council's manifesto pledge.
- Improve the quality of the recycling material we collect by maintaining the contamination levels below 7%

To achieve this vision, we have developed an action plan that contains seven themes that we will be working on; reducing waste, maximising recycling, maximising the use of local waste sites, leading by example, being innovative, communications, reduce our environmental footprint.

The action plan breaks down each of the themes into smaller deliverable projects.

RECOMMENDATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel is invited to comment on the Waste Minimisation Strategy and action plan from the Cabinet report attached at Appendix A.