

**HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Title/Subject Matter:** Waste and Recycling Round Reconfiguration – Update on Progress

**Meeting/Date:** Overview & Scrutiny Communities and Environment – 12th July 2016

**Executive Portfolio:** Councillor Robin Carter (Executive Councillor for Environment, Street Scene and Operations)

**Report by:** Heidi Field, Waste Minimisation Officer

**Ward(s) affected:** All

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**Executive Summary:**

A review of the waste and recycling collection rounds was last carried out in 2011 and due to the growth in properties and a number of changes to collection routes over the past four years these have now become unbalanced. The reconfiguration of our rounds aims to maximise efficiencies and reduce fuel usage whilst delivering good customer service.

**Recommendation:**

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel are asked to note the update with regards to the current progress and anticipated implementation date for the new collection rounds

## **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is provide members with a project progress report in respects of the reconfiguration of the waste and recycling collection rounds

## **2. WHY IS THIS REPORT NECESSARY/BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Work towards the reconfiguration of the waste and recycling collection rounds commenced in May 2016.

- 2.2 This report provides an update of the current progress to date and outlines how this project links with other projects which should be recognised as they play a role in ensuring the success of this project.

- 2.3 A Waste and Recycling Project Officer has been recruited to work solely on this project and to date has dedicated their time to certifying the current data we have is correct and is in a suitable format.

- 2.4 Meetings have been held with our collection crews to identify any issues they are experiencing with particular areas and collections.

- 2.5 Information on current rounds has been gathered which includes address details, container size, frequency of collections and tonnages.

- 2.6 In order to ensure that the most benefit is made from this project there are a number of other projects which link to it, which have been recognised and work towards the below projects are currently underway

- Round risk assessments
- Review of properties on a sack collection
- Review of official assistance customers
- Review of farms and lodges collections
- Review of properties with an additional grey bin
- Review of litter bins
- Review of a separate trade waste collection round

- 2.7 It is anticipated that a 'as is' model will be completed by the end of July and then scenario modelling for new arrangements will be undertaken.

- 2.8 The new collection rounds are to start week commencing 21st November 2016 and a comprehensive communication plan has been written to ensure that all the stakeholders are fully informed.

- 2.9 Further project updates will be provided for meetings in August, September and November.

## **3. WHAT ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN/TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

- 3.1 Key dates for the Waste and Recycling Reconfiguration project are as follows –
- End of July 2016 - 'As Is' model created.
  - Mid-August 2016 – Scenario modelling for new waste and recycling collections rounds to establish the services we want to provide.
  - October 2016 – Agreement of preferred options.
  - End of October 2016 – Communication plans implemented.
  - Week commencing 21st November 2016 – Implementation of new rounds.

- December 2016 – round monitoring, post implementation review and project evaluation report.

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