



AGENDA ITEM: 11

SUMMARY

Report for:	Strategic Planning & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting:	12 November 2013
PART:	1
If Part II, reason:	

Title of report:	Waste Strategy – Task and Finish Group Findings
Contact:	Councillor Julie Laws, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability Author/Responsible Officer : Craig Thorpe, Environmental Services
Purpose of report:	To update the Committee on progress on changes to the new waste service.
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Members note the update. 2. That any comments from this Committee are passed to the Portfolio Holder for consideration.
Corporate objectives:	Safe and Clean Environment Dacorum Delivers
Implications:	<u>Financial</u> At this current time an evaluation of a comingled tender is being undertaken. The financial implication of the results will continue to be factored into the financial model
'Value For Money Implications'	<u>Value for Money</u> The current Alternate Weekly Collection System is an efficient system which maximises recycling performance while containing revenue costs. As per the above, the financial modelling will continue to take into account the value for money of services offered.
Risk Implications	As above
Equalities	Equality Impact Assessment will be carried out as part of the

Implications	project
Health And Safety Implications	The implementation of this method of collection should reduce the amount of muscular skeletal injuries to staff.
Consultees:	<p>WASTE SERVICES Task & Finish Group :</p> <p>Cllrs : Julie Laws , Gbola Adeleke, David Collins, Graham Sutton, Anthony Mckay.</p> <p>Officers : David Austin, Sheila Chauhan, Duncan Jones (Hertfordshire Waste Partnership), Caroline Souto, Jodie Crebbin</p>
Background papers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Top Recyclers 2010 - 2011 • Waste Improvement Network – Subscription based services: Garden Waste • Hertfordshire Waste Partnership - Evidence of Experience and Performance • Top Recyclers, Worst Recyclers and Services in Similar Areas – 2011-2012 • Policies and Procedures for Dacorum Borough Council Waste Collection • WYG Review of Kerbside Collection Schemes in the UK 2010/11 • Case Study - WRAP Hertfordshire Waste Partnership Consortium • CIWM Jan 2011 – Hertfordshire Waste Partnership Article • Hertfordshire Waste Partnership Case Study 2011 • How to be Successful in Procuring Joint Waste Services • Case Study - East Kent (Joint Arrangements Committee • Case Study – Hart DC
Glossary of acronyms and any other abbreviations used in this report:	TEEP – Technical, Economical, Environmental and Practical

The Waste Service is facing increased costs from three sources :

- Need to remove cardboard from organic waste collections from 2014/2015.
- Following a review of the AFM by HCC all districts are facing reduced income from the Alternative Financial Model (AFM); which is part of the Herts Waste Partnership Agreement.
- Reduced income from recyclable material due to drops in market value.

Given the above, a Task and Finish group was set up in January 2013 to investigate future strategic options for the Waste Service. The option chosen by Cabinet resulted in the need to make fundamental changes to the service that would see the following:

1. Residual waste continued to be collected on alternate weeks
2. Removal of cardboard from the green waste stream. Green waste continued to be collected fortnightly.
3. All dry recyclables collect together in an additional wheeled on alternate weeks
4. Food waste collected weekly

A project team was set up to commence work on the new service. A presentation will be given on the evening to advise on progress to date.