

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1st April 2013

INTEGRATED WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE – JOINT SCRUTINY TASK GROUP

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Debbie Taylor, Portfolio Holder for Local Environment
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	Guy Revans, Head of Environmental Services
Ward(s) Affected	No specific ward relevance.
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

The report provides further information about a joint scrutiny review proposed by Worcestershire County Council's Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board. This review will focus on the potential to introduce an integrated waste collection and disposal service in Worcestershire. Members are asked to determine whether Redditch Borough Council should participate in this joint review.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE

- 1) whether Redditch Borough Council should participate in the Joint Scrutiny of Integrated Waste Collection and Disposal Service; and**
- 2) subject to Members agreeing to participate in the review, which member of the Redditch Overview and Scrutiny Committee should be appointed to serve on the Task Group.**

3. KEY ISSUES

Background

- 3.1 The Worcestershire Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board has invited district Councils' Overview and Scrutiny Committees to participate in a Joint Integrated Waste Collection and Disposal Service Scrutiny Task Group. Redditch Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee is therefore being asked to consider if the Committee would like to nominate a Member to participate in the Task Group on behalf of the Council.
- 3.2 The topic was initiated by the County Council following a Notice of Motion to Council on 16th January 2014. This Notice of Motion outlined how it was frequently suggested that large savings could be achieved by combining responsibility for waste collection and disposal. The topic was referred to Worcestershire COUNTY Council's overview and Scrutiny Performance Board and it was agreed at a meeting

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held on 30th January that a Scrutiny Task Group should be set up. Full terms of reference and the scope of the investigation are attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

Financial Implications

- 3.3 There are no direct financial implications directly relating to this report.

Legal Implications

- 3.4 There are no legal implications directly relating to this report.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.5 This review has been proposed by Worcestershire County Council. Consequently staff at the County Council, rather than the Democratic Services team at Redditch Borough Council, will be facilitating the work of the Task Group. Members are asked to note that if the Committee decides to participate in this review the Joint Task Group will not be regarded as one of the two Task Groups or Short Sharp reviews that the Committee will be able to undertake at any one time in 2014/15.
- 3.6 In line with standard scrutiny procedures if the Committee decides to participate in this exercise a member of the Redditch Overview and Scrutiny Committee will need to be appointed to serve on the review. This Member will be invited to deliver regular updates on the progress of the review at meetings of the Redditch Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.7 Worcestershire County Council is aiming to start evidence gathering in April 2014 and to complete this review by October 2014. As such this review will overlap with the local elections in Redditch. The Committee is also asked to note that the majority of scrutiny meetings at Worcestershire County Council take place during the day rather than in the evening. Members may wish to take this into account when selecting a representative to serve on the Task Group.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.8 No direct customer or equality and diversity implications have been identified for this report.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

No risks have been identified.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Topic Proposal Form

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