

## Questions under Procedure Rule 11.2 for Council

### **Q1. Question from Councillor Norman to the Cabinet Member for Recycling**

“I welcome Cllr Little to her new post and hope that she seeks assistance from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to look at ways of improving the recycling rate for Lichfield District Council. To that end, will she consider other schemes run by more successful councils such as St Albans City and District Council that has a recycling rate of 64.2% compared to Lichfield’s 45.9% and residual household waste of 335.50 kg per household compared to Lichfield’s 528.70 kg and particularly to look at their weekly collection of kitchen waste that has contributed to this success?”

### **Response from the Cabinet Member for Recycling**

“We are aware that LDC recycling rates have decreased over the years; **we’ve got an ambitious 65% recycling rate which would make us number 1 in the country** - the move to dual stream will help us reaching that figure. Cllr Norman you are correct that food waste would help in the reducing of the residual rates and in time further improve the recycling rates, in fact the proposed schemes from government would mandate the collection of kitchen waste. It has and will further be discussed whether we in fact wait for the mandating decision or whether we move to implement a food waste collection service early, I am sure scrutiny would be involved in the making of either of those decisions.”