

TAMWORTH AND LICHFIELD JOINT WASTE COMMITTEE

17th October 2018

Report of the General Manager

Joint Waste Service Business Plan 2018-19

Purpose

To approve the Joint Waste Service Business Plan for 2018-19

Executive Summary

The constitution of the Lichfield and Tamworth Joint Waste Service Committee requires the said committee to consider and agree a Business Plan each year which suits both Councils financial budgets. **The proposed Business Plan for 2018/19 is attached as Appendix A.**

The main purpose of the Business Plan is to look forward at actions the service will carry out over the next year, rather than look back. The key actions proposed for 2018/19 include:

- The development of an action plan for improving the quality of dry recyclate. This is particularly important because of the challenging market conditions that have prevailed since the Chinese ban on mixed papers and mixed plastics was introduced earlier in the year.
- Produce a commercialisation strategy for the trade waste services. Opportunities for improving the commercial viability of the service will be considered including competing directly with the private sector for a greater share of the collection market.
- Implementation of the Action Plan for Improving Collection Productivity. The aim of the plan is to generate spare collection capacity which will be used to service the new housing developments that are due to be built in both districts over the next 2 -3 years.
- Complete the digitisation programme for the waste services. This work will build on the successful online system which was developed for the chargeable garden waste service.

Trying to predict the future is always difficult but there is optimism that the successful launch of the chargeable garden waste will deliver some growth in the subscription income over the next 2 -3 years. However the charge is likely to reduce the recycling and composting rate which had already started to stall in line with the national trend. One of the key threats to the service is the national shortage of HGV drivers which is likely to get worse once the UK leaves the European Union. The service is having real difficulty in attracting suitably experienced drivers and this isn't being helped by the significant

unfavourable pay differential that now exists between the private sector and the public sector.

Financial Implications

None arising directly from this report.

Recommendation

That the Committee approve the Joint Waste Service Business Plan for 2018-19.