

## West Suffolk Waste and Street Scene Services Joint Committee 14 June 2013

### Review of Waste Management Performance 2013.

#### 1. Summary and reasons for recommendation

- 1.1 This report updates the Joint Committee on progress made in waste management and street cleansing.

#### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the contents of this report.

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### **3. Corporate priorities/Strategic Priorities**

3.1 The recommendation meets the following, as contained within the Corporate Plan:

FHDC

An effective and efficient Council.

SEBC

Working together for prosperous and environmentally responsible communities  
Working together for an efficient Council.

### **4. Key issues**

4.2 This report is intended to update Members on the key areas of progress and actions, albeit there is no formal Waste and Street Scene service plan for 2013/2014.

4.3 There is no update on the key performance indicators for 2013/2014 due to the Quarter 1 period not being completed. We are also waiting for final validation of the 2012/2013 actual waste performance indicators. This is expected to be completed in June 2013.

#### ***Progress to date***

4.3 Key areas of activity and progress relate to the following:

#### **(a) Suffolk Waste Partnership**

Staff are currently involved with the delivery of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Suffolk and the associated Action Plan which will identify specific projects up to the end of the contract in 2014.

Specific workstreams in progress involve:

- Communications programmes incorporating textiles, plastics and food waste;
- Design and procurement of a countywide contract for the reprocessing of street sweepings following the changes to the regulations which has changed the classification of waste following treatment. Whilst the procurement will guarantee an end market for all Suffolk Councils, the change will impact on the percentage of waste classed as recycling;
- Work is progressing with the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) and Resources Futures looking into the diversion of textiles from the black bin to recycling and the level of residents understanding and use of the scheme. It is envisaged that both reports will be available towards the end of June 2013; and
- A survey is being developed to review the impact of the recent plastics recycling promotion involving leaflet delivery and video promotion.

**(b) Reuse of Bulky Collection Waste**

West Suffolk will be participating in a trial with Suffolk County Council to support the reuse opportunities for a range of furniture items collected as part of the bulky waste collection scheme. The trial will involve delivery and segregation of applicable items at the Household Waste Recycling Centres. The aim of the trial is to test the suitability and practicality of sorting this waste for reuse.

**(c) Transfer Station Infrastructure Project**

Work is progressing to identify the options available to West Suffolk and the risks attached. A separate report is to be presented on this project.

**(d) Waste Team Restructuring and Business Process Reengineering**

Officers are progressing two separate but connected projects to redesign work as part of the shared services programme and restructure the joint West Suffolk team. In addition to staff structure review process, a number of FHDC and SEBC policies require alignment.

**(e) Spring Clean 2013**

This year's Spring Clean fortnight took place across West Suffolk during March and April. The Spring Clean campaign encourages people to participate in local clean up events across the county to reduce litter and improve the local environment. It forms part of Suffolk County Council's "Creating the Greenest County" initiative which aims to respond to climate change and enhance the natural and historic environment.

In West Suffolk we had over 425 volunteers who between them collected over 400 black bags of rubbish.

Sustainable Bury were one of the new groups this year clearing litter from the Risbygate ward of Bury St Edmunds. In just over an hour, its volunteer members had collected 12 bags of rubbish.

The Bury St Edmunds Volunteer Police Cadets assisted with a community project to help clear-up a neglected area of Rougham Hill woods on the edge of the town. They were assisted by members of the Bury St Edmunds Safer Neighbourhood Team, Borough Councillors and local residents.

Meanwhile, members of the USAF stationed at RAF Lakenheath organised a litter pick and with the support of 30 volunteers were able to collect 30 bags of rubbish from areas around the Maidscross Hill area of Lakenheath.

Moulton Parish Council with 30 volunteers managed to collect some 30 black bags of rubbish from around Moulton.

(f) **Other activity**

The following activity was provided and supported:

- Ho Ho Club, Northgate Street - recycling seminar to the Deaf Group;
- RAF Barnham roll out of bins 8x1100 black and blue bin to improve waste management and support recycling;
- Promotion of textiles recycling as part of the South Suffolk Show;
- Two compost awareness events at the Rougham Hill Household Waste Recycling Centre and East Town Park, Haverhill involving a compost giveaway and home composting demonstration and guidance; and
- Recycling presentation to residents at Hanover Close, Tollgate Lane to improve recycling.

**5. Other options considered**

5.1 Not applicable.

**6. Community Impact**

6.1 **Crime and Disorder Impact** *(including Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998)*

6.1.1 There are no crime and disorder implications identified in this report.

6.2 **Diversity and Equality Impact** *(including the findings of the Equality Impact Assessment)*

6.2.1 There are no human rights or diversity implications associated with this report.

6.3 **Sustainability Impact** *(including completing a Sustainability Impact Assessment)*

6.3.1 Future policy will be in line with the international and national sustainability goals.

6.3.2 The Waste and Street Scene service aim to contribute positively to the provision of sustainable waste and street scene services.

6.3.3 The performance achieved and targets set aim to reduce the total amount of waste sent to landfill through increasing the amount of waste available for re-use, recycling and composting. Furthermore, the provision of an effective street scene service will maintain high environmental standards and protect local amenity.

6.4 **Other Impact** *(any other impacts affecting this report)*

6.4.1 There are no other impacts affecting this report.

**7. Consultation** *(what consultation has been undertaken, and what were the outcomes?)*

7.1 No direct consultation has taken place but feedback from general council surveys, individual residents and trends in the waste industry and government initiatives are taken into account.

## 8. Financial and resource implications *(including asset management implications)*

- 8.1 To date there have been no financial or resource implications as all the key tasks have been delivered within existing budgets.
- 8.2 The progression of the waste partnership, including the recent changes to the staff organisational structure, is expected to provide financial savings in the long term.

## 9. Risk/Opportunity Assessment *(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)*

Risk area	Inherent level of Risk (before controls)	Controls	Residual Risk (after controls)
	High/Medium/Low		High/Medium/Low
Adequacy of targets set	Low	The targets for 2012/13 were set following consideration by officers and received Member approval.	Low
Failure to achieve targets	Low	Performance is reported quarterly to the Joint Committee to monitor progress and ensure that targets are being achieved.	Low

## 10. Legal and policy implications

- 10.1 There are no policy compliance issues associated with this report.
- 10.2 All service activities are in line with the Waste and Street Scene Services Partnering Agreement and supported both councils' policies and objectives.
- 10.3 The approach taken supports the national waste hierarchy and the vision and actions of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Suffolk.
- 10.4 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

## 11. Wards affected

- 11.1 All wards across both councils.

## 12. Background papers

- 12.1 None.