



Place Scrutiny Committee

2 October 2015

Waste Strategy

Purpose of Report: Progress Report

The Group have met once since the last meeting of the Committee and scrutinized the current data regarding recycling. Targets were met for July 2015 but projections suggest that the year end 58% recycling target may be more difficult to achieve. It was noted that the data provided erred on the side of caution and that a number of measures were in hand to address any potential shortfall. The Portfolio Holder informed the Group that the Welsh Government were actively assisting authorities to achieve targets rather than penalising those that failed, but there remained a potential, significant financial risk to the Authority in the long term if targets were not achieved. The Group will continue to monitor quarterly management reports.

Recycling rates at two HWRCs had significantly improved following the letting of new contracts - there is a requirement that recycling rates of 75% be achieved in the first year, rising incrementally to 80% in five years.

The Group were briefed on a consultation exercise that had been undertaken with regard to introducing three weekly residual waste collections and the proposed communications plan to be put in place for the period leading up to the decision being taken by Cabinet and during the implementation period if a decision is made to proceed.

The Internal Audit Working Group of the Audit Committee had asked the Group to monitor the implementation of an Action Plan produced following an internal audit into Trade Waste completed in 2014. The Group were satisfied that the Action Plan had been implemented.

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Sources/background papers: Notes of Working Group

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