

Surrey Heath Waste Action Plan

Summary

To seek approval for the Surrey Heath Waste Action Plan 2015 to 2020

Portfolio: Community

Date Portfolio Holder signed off report: 21 October 2015

Wards Affected: All

Recommendation

The Executive is advised to resolve that the Surrey Heath Waste Action Plan 2015 to 2020, attached at Annex A to this report, be approved.

1. Resource Implications

- 1.1 The Surrey Heath Waste Action Plan for 2015/2016 will largely be funded from recycling performance awards for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 which totalled £83,266. The recycling reward payments are made by Surrey County Council for meeting a recycling target of 52%. This is unbudgeted income which could be re-invested into the waste scheme to make further savings in the waste and recycling costs.
- 1.2 The sum of £83,266 formed part of the carry forward which was agreed by the Executive at its meeting on 7th July 2015.
- 1.3 The expenditure will include:
 - a. Appointment of two cleansing inspectors on grade SH 4 on 12-month fixed term contracts at a total cost of £58,986. This will supplement the work of the existing team who are fully committed on the procurement of the joint waste contract and managing the existing contract.
 - b. Subsidise the garden waste service by £23,500 which would enable the subscription fees to be frozen. This will attract more customers with an expected 450 additional tonnes of garden waste composted. The Council is paid £56/tonne in recycling credits so an additional £25,200 could be raised making the subsidy self-funding with 12-months.
- 1.4 The saving opportunities from implementation of the plan are:
 - a. £39,000 per year from capturing more recycling material.
 - b. £371,000 per year (2018) from participating in the joint collection contract
 - c. £1,346,000 per year to the 12 authorities in the Surrey Waste Partnership from jointly managing collected material.
- 1.5 Waste and recycling is extremely expensive to manage. The net cost of managing Surrey's waste and recycling in 2013/14 was estimated to be £76 million. However, despite a rise in population and increases in the cost of waste disposal (e.g. landfill tax and haulage cost increases) the net cost has been contained at 2010 levels. Surrey Heath's annual net cost of waste and

recycling is £2.5 Million. The Waste Action Plan has the potential to substantially reduce this cost.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 At its meeting on 7th April 2015 the Executive adopted the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Revision 2 (2015) produced by the Surrey Waste Partnership. The strategy has an ambitious aim “To be the leading county area in England for waste management”.
- 2.2 Table 1 illustrates the waste hierarchy which is adopted in the waste strategy and in individual authority waste action plans. This show that preventing the production of waste is the best option with landfill being the least favoured option.

Table1 Waste Hierarchy



- 2.3 Surrey Heath remains the best performing authority in Surrey for the proportion of waste recovered, recycled and composted at 58%. However as with most authorities the recycling rate has started to fall and major interventions will be needed to raise recycling rates again. There are many factors which may have contributed to the fall in rates. This includes: Environment Agencies ban on the composting of Highway Leaves; lack of knowledge of what can be recycled; fall in recycling values; and increase in bin contamination.
- 2.4 The targets which have been selected to measure success of the Strategy are illustrated in table 2 below:

Table 2: Strategy targets

#	Indicator	2013/14 performance	2019/20 target
1	Total household waste and recycling per person	(quartile 3) (463 kg/person)	Comparison with other County areas.
2	Recycling and recovery rate	59%	70%
3	Percentage of municipal waste sent to landfill	11%	0%
4	Cost of waste management per household	£158	No increase from 2013/2014

- 2.5 In order to meet these ambitious targets each authority has been asked to produce Waste Action Plan which will be regularly monitored by the Surrey Waste Partnership. The plan has measureable outcomes which will be monitored quarterly. The actions align with those set out in the strategy and divided into actions related to Communications; Service and Operations; and Policy.
- 2.6 The draft Surrey Heath Waste Action Plan is attached at Annex A to this report.

3. Options

- 3.1 The Executive has the following options:
- c. To approve the Surrey Heath Waste Action Plan for 2015 to 2020.
 - d. To not approve the Surrey Heath Waste Action Plan 2015 to 2020
 - e. To suggest amendments to the plan.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 It is proposed that Surrey Heath Waste Action Plan for 2015 to 2020 be approved and monitored through the Surrey Waste Partnership.

5. Corporate Objectives And Key Priorities

- 5.1 Key Priority 4 is to work with partners and the community to keep Surrey Heath a clean, green and safe place for the continued wellbeing of our Borough. An efficient waste and recycling service will contribute in meeting this priority.
- 5.2 Key Priority 3 is to secure the future of local services in Surrey Heath through a variety of strategies. The procurement of a joint waste contract in conjunction with other authorities will contribute towards meeting this priority by reducing waste collection costs which can be invested back into the provision of Council services.

6. Policy Framework

- 6.1 The Surrey Heath Waste Action Plan for 2015 to 2020 aligns with the aims, objects and targets set out in the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy which was approved by the Executive on 7th April 2015.

7. Governance Issues

- 7.1 The Surrey Waste Partnership (SWP) is made up of elected members representing Surrey County Council as the Waste Disposal Authority and the 11 Borough/District Council's (Waste Collection Authorities). The partnership is advised by a Waste Officers Group representing the same authorities and a number of Project Groups. Where Policy decisions are required such as adoption of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy the decision is taken by individual authorities.

8. Sustainability

- 8.1 The revised Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy and the Surrey Heath Waste Action Plan applies the principles of sustainable development.

This takes into account three ‘pillars’ – our environment, society and the economy. The development of our waste services will seek to protect our environment, support the wellbeing of Surrey’s residents and benefit our economy, both now and in the future.

9. Equalities Impact

- 9.1 An equalities impact assessment was carried out when the existing contract was awarded. This identified a positive impact on older people due to the method of collection and the assisted collection scheme. The Surrey Heath Waste Action Plan will not change this impact.

10. PR And Marketing

- 10.1 PR and Marketing will be included in the Communications section of the Action Plan.

11. Officer Comments

- 11.1 The Surrey Heath Waste Action Plan is designed to implement the revision to the Joint Municipal Waste Strategy which was approved by the Executive on 7th April 2015.

Annexes	A. Surrey Heath Waste Action Plan 2015 to 2020
Background Papers	Joint Municipal Waste Strategy Revised 2015
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Consultations, Implications and Issues Addressed

Resources	Required	Consulted
Revenue	✓	✓
Capital		
Human Resources		
Asset Management		
IT		
Other Issues	Required	Consulted
Corporate Objectives & Key Priorities	✓	✓
Policy Framework	✓	✓
Legal		
Governance	✓	✓
Sustainability	✓	✓
Risk Management		
Equalities Impact Assessment	✓	✓
Community Safety		
Human Rights		
Consultation		
P R & Marketing	✓	✓