

12th November 2014

Environment Committee

TEEP Assessment

Report of: *Roy Ormsby – Head of Streetscene*

Wards Affected: *All*

This report is: *Public*

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 From January 2015, new regulations will require the separate collection of paper, plastic, metals and glass for recycling, unless it is not necessary to provide high quality recyclates; or it is not technically, environmentally or economically practicable (TEEP). The aim of this is to increase the quality of recycled material by reducing contamination, and improve the environment.
- 1.2 In July 2014, Officers appointed WYG, an external organisation, to carry out the TEEP assessment to ensure that there was an independent assessment of the service. The assessment cost £3,500 which was a reduced cost due to procurement via the Essex Waste Partnership.
- 1.3 The assessment has identified that the collection service provided by the Council is compliant to continue in it's current form, as it is not economically viable to introduce separate collections for all commodities, which is estimated would cost a further £600,000.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 Agree that the Council continues to collect co-mingled waste, and that approval is given to the TEEP assessment as a formal record.**

3. Introduction and Background

- 3.1 The revised European Waste Framework Directive requires the UK to take measures to promote high quality recycling. This includes a specific requirement by 1 January 2015, to set up collections of paper, plastic, metal and glass (and other materials if possible) all as separate materials.

Collectors of these wastes must collect the materials separately, unless it is not necessary to provide high quality recyclates; or it is not technically, environmentally or economically practicable (TEEP).

- 3.2 The UK Government transposed the Waste Framework Directive into UK law through the Waste Regulation (England and Wales) 2011, which came into force on 1 October 2012.
- 3.3 Given that the Council currently deliver a very efficient service regarding the collection of recycling, it is necessary to consider the TEEP criteria and demonstrate that the Council complies with the requirements.
- 3.4 WYG were commissioned to assess compliance of the Councils collection method. The report clearly identifies that the collection method used by the Council is compliant, and therefore it is not necessary to provide separate collection for different materials.

4. Issue, Options and Analysis of Options

- 4.1 The Council were required to carry out the TEEP assessment to ensure they are compliant with the new legislation.

5. Reasons for Recommendation

- 5.1 To gain formal Council approval for the TEEP assessment.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 This is not a requirement of the TEEP assessment.

7. References to Corporate Plan

- 7.1 To ensure that the Council are delivering an effective and efficient service.

8. Implications

Financial Implications

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- 8.1 If Members agree to the recommendation as set out in this report, there are no financial implications.

The cost of the assessment was met from within existing budgets

Legal Implications

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8.2 None.

Other Implications (where significant) – i.e. Health and Safety, Asset Management, Equality and Diversity, Risk Management, Section 17 – Crime & Disorder, Sustainability, ICT.

8.3 None

9. Background Papers (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright)

9.1 None

10. Appendices to this report

Appendix A - The TEEP assessment report, and appendices contained within the report

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