

REVIEW TITLE: WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING REVIEW

SCOPE OF ITEM / TERMS OF REFERENCE

To provide the Council with the technical information and necessary evidence base to aid future decision making on the waste management strategy.

REASON FOR SCRUTINY

Charnwood Borough Council's recycling rates have been below the 50% target set by the Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament for some time now. The Panel will seek to identify why this is the case and make suggestions on how to improve the recycling rate in the Borough.

Recycling waste contamination is approx. 12%. The Panel will seek to identify how the Borough can reduce this level and educate its residents.

Waste minimisation is vital for future generations. The Panel will look at educational initiatives and the activities of organisations set up with the aim to reduce waste.

The Environment Bill is likely to significantly impact our service delivery. The Panel will seek to explore what this means in practice.

To provide public reassurance that scrutiny is looking at the matter in light of Climate Change.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANEL

Chair – Councillor Ward
Councillors Boldrin, Forrest, Howe, Needham and Parton

WHAT WILL BE INCLUDED

To identify waste prevention strategies, maximise waste as a resource, and recover usable materials, balancing this with exploring ways to improve our recycling rates.

To look at how the Environment Bill will impact our waste management and make some proposals for appropriate changes to our service in light of this if necessary.

WHAT WILL BE EXCLUDED

Areas of waste management that Charnwood Borough Council are not responsible for or have influence over. However, this will not preclude the Panel making representations to other bodies.

KEY TASKS * including consideration of efficiency savings

- ~~Breakdown and analysis of our own waste and recycling data. Benchmark against other similar authorities. Completed 09 Nov 2021.~~
- Identify barriers and look at ways to overcome them.
- Investigate new research, technology and methods that could help improve our recycling rates. *Scheduled 14 Dec 2021.*
- ~~Overview of proposals of Environment Bill regarding waste management. Look at what changes this will necessitate. Completed 09 Nov 2021.~~
- Research waste prevention activities and organisations both within the Borough and elsewhere that are committed to waste reduction
- Investigate other local authorities that are considered to be leaders in waste management and look at ways to apply to Charnwood Borough Council, taking into account demographics. *Scheduled 14 Dec 2021.*
- Visit recycling and processing plants (e.g. Casepak). *Visit to Casepak to be arranged asap.*
- **Added 09 Nov 2021** Draft Leicestershire Waste and Recycling Strategy. *Scheduled 02 Feb 2022..*

STAKEHOLDERS, OUTSIDE AGENCIES, OTHER ORGANISATIONS *

Matt Bradford, Head of Service; Cllr. Leigh-Harper Davies, Lead Member for Community Support and Equalities; Cllr Rollings, Lead Member for Transformation; SERCO; LCC, Loughborough University; Climate Action Leicester & Leicestershire; Transitions Loughborough; Residents Groups, Leicestershire & Rutland Reuse Network, LetsRecycle.com, Tenant Groups and Resident Associations.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

To be considered at the Panel's penultimate meeting

LINKS/OVERLAPS TO OTHER REVIEWS

n/a

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

Officer time including Head of Service and Democratic Services Team.

REPORT REQUIREMENTS (Officer information)

Report and recommendations to Scrutiny Commission

REVIEW COMMENCEMENT DATE

COMPLETION DATE FOR DRAFT REPORT

April 2022

* Key tasks and stakeholders may be subject to change as the review progresses.

PROGRESS OF PANEL WORK

MEETING DATE	PROGRESS TO DATE
09 November 2021, 6pm	<p>Key Tasks Completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakdown and analysis of our own waste and recycling data. Benchmark against other similar authorities. • Overview of proposals of Environment Bill regarding waste management. Look at what changes this will necessitate. <p>Actions Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit by Panel members to the Casepak Materials Recycling Facility be arranged as soon as possible (Key Task). • Jane Hunt MP for Loughborough be invited to attend a meeting of the Panel to discuss concerns regarding the Environment Bill, particularly the cost implications for the Council. • Council's responses to the consultation on the Environment Bill to be sent to members of the Panel. • Results of the most recent examination of a wagon of residual waste to be sent to members of the Panel (composition).
14 December 2021, 6pm	<p>Key Tasks Scheduled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate other local authorities that are considered to be leaders in waste management and look at ways to apply to Charnwood Borough Council, taking into account demographics – <i>via presentation of the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces.</i> • Investigate new research, technology and methods that could help improve our recycling rates - <i>via investigation by members of the Panel prior to the meeting, the Chair to provide guidance on what was required in this respect.</i>
02 February 2022, 6pm	<p>Scheduled (task added to scope):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Leicestershire Waste and Recycling Strategy – <i>via presentation of the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces.</i>
15 March 2022, 6pm	Penultimate meeting should consider Equality Implications.
26 April 2022, 6pm	Proposed final meeting, to agree Panel's report.
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>To facilitate witness attendance, it is anticipated that times of the meetings will be a mix of daytime and early evening.</p> <p>Panel meetings can be run online apart from the final meeting where recommendations are agreed</p>	

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REPORT SUBMITTED TO SCRUTINY COMMISSION