

**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. *To be completed 11 May 2022.*
- Investigate new research, technology and methods that could help improve our recycling rates. *Commenced 02 Feb 2022, completed 31 Mar 2022.*
- 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. *Confirmed as completed 31 Mar 2022.*
- 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. *Commenced 02 Feb 2022, completed 31 Mar 2022.*
- Visit recycling and processing plants (e.g. Casepak). *Visit to Casepak will be arranged by Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces, recommended to panel members if able to attend.*
- ~~(Added 09 Nov 2021) Draft Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022. Completed 31 Mar 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 June 2022

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

#### **PROGRESS OF PANEL WORK** (*Minutes of Panel meetings provide detail*)

| MEETING DATE          | PROGRESS TO DATE  |
|-----------------------|---|
| 09 November 2021, 6pm | <p>Key Tasks Completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakdown and analysis of our own waste and recycling data. Benchmark against other similar authorities.</li> <li>• Overview of proposals of Environment Bill regarding waste management. Look at what changes this will necessitate.</li> </ul> |

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|   | <u>Note:</u> Panel asked that Jane Hunt, MP be invited to attend a Panel meeting to discuss concerns regarding the Environment Bill, particularly the cost implications for the Council. Panel subsequently decided on 02 Feb 2022 that this could instead be achieved by way of written submission setting out Panel's concerns.   |
| 14 December 2021, 6pm   | Cancelled (Covid-19)  |
| 02 Feb 2022, 6pm  | Key Tasks <u>Part</u> Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Investigate new research, technology and methods that could help improve our recycling rates.</li> </ul>   |
| 15 March 2022, 6pm  | Cancelled (Covid-19)  |
| 31 March 2022, 6pm  | Key Tasks Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Investigate new research, technology and methods that could help improve our recycling rates.</li> <li>Draft Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050.</li> <li>Research waste prevention activities and organisations both within the Borough and elsewhere that are committed to waste reduction. (Confirmed as completed at previous meetings).</li> </ul> |
| <del>26 April 2022, 6pm</del><br>11 May 2022, 6pm   | Key Tasks To Be Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify barriers and look at ways to overcome them. <i>Via report back on engagement with stakeholders on this issue, which will be undertaken informally prior to the meeting.</i></li> </ul> <p>Penultimate meeting should consider Equality Implications.</p>   |
| 14 June 2022, 6pm<br><br>Meeting added due to cancellation of Panel meeting on 14 Dec 2021. | Proposed final meeting, to agree Panel's report.<br><br>Final meeting will be a physical meeting.   |

## REPORT SUBMITTED TO SCRUTINY COMMISSION

July 2022 (provisional)