

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2019 / 20 Programme of Work: Items with a Watching Brief

Scrutiny Topic	Member Sponsor	Lead Officer	Scope of Scrutiny
Waste Contract – reliability of the contractor vehicles	Councillor R P F Dewick Councillor M S Heard	Director of Service Delivery	<p>In response to questions raised, Members were advised that the waste contractor was being scrutinised following issues surrounding the reliability of vehicles and the impact on the delivery of service.</p> <p>Members were also seeking clarification/confirmation of where the Districts recycling is sent to following processing. A detailed report was provided to the Committee in October 2018 which updated Members on the collection of waste within the District and addressed concerns surrounding contractor vehicles and the end destination of recycling. The Recycling and Recovery UK Regional Manager from Suez was also in attendance.</p> <p>The following information on recycling was provided to Members at the October 2018 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers were satisfied that waste is being sorted and disposed of properly. • A monthly return is provided to the Environment Agency on the end destination for all materials from the site and checked against Essex Reclamations permit. • The majority of waste that is sent abroad is from paper, whilst plastics remain within the UK: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paperlink exports the majority of paper waste. ▪ Monoworld – sorts the plastic waste. • Recycled material is sent abroad in sealed containers which are photographed prior to departure and on arrival to confirm no tampering has occurred. <p>Following discussions at the meeting, the content of the report and actions being undertaken were noted. No further action on this scrutiny topic is required.</p> <p>At the May 2019 meeting Councillor R P F Dewick advised that the vehicles used were not conducive to the nature of the work carried out so future problems were to be expected.</p> <p>This item remains on the agenda with a watching brief on performance, with a further update to be provided at the November 2019 meeting.</p>
Review of Fire and Rescue Service provision in the Dengie	Councillor M W Helm	Director of Service Delivery	<p>Concern was raised that the Fire Authority was looking into closing fire stations within the Maldon District.</p> <p>A public meeting with the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) took place on 8th January 2019. A private briefing for Members took place on 7th February 2019 where the PFCC reassured Members that Fire Stations at Burnham and Tillingham would not be closing.</p> <p>Further information on the Fire Break Project has been requested and will be shared with Members once received.</p>