



**REPORT of  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: PLACE AND COMMUNITY**

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**to  
COUNCIL  
12 DECEMBER 2024**

**WASTE CONTRACT TASK AND FINISH GROUP – MEMBER ATTENDANCE**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek agreement from the Council for the nomination of two or more additional Member representatives on the Waste Contract Task and Finish Group.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (i) That the Council agrees to expand Member representation on the Waste Contract Task and Finish Group;
- (ii) That additional Member representatives are confirmed by the Council ahead of the next Waste Contract Task and Finish Group (date to be confirmed in January 2025).

**3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 The Waste Contract Task and Finish Group (the Group) was reconvened in November 2024 to consider the 2025 / 26 savings proposals put forward in relation to Green Waste and Refuse collections. The Group consists of five council officers and four Members; Councillors R H Siddall, A S Fluker, M F L Durham and D O Bown.
- 3.2 The Waste Contract Task and Finish Group met on 26 November 2024, at which only two members were in attendance.
- 3.3 No substitutions were sent on behalf of the Members unable to attend the meeting.
- 3.4 With only four member representatives currently in this Group, it does not meet quorum if two or more Members are unable to attend (50%).
- 3.5 The recommendation reduces governance and decision making risk if the Council has better Member representation on this Group.
- 3.6 The 2025 / 26 waste savings proposals risk not being as thoroughly debated or scrutinised prior to recommendations back to the Strategy and Resources Committee.

**4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 By nominating a further two or more Member representatives to sit on the Waste Contract Task and Finish Group, this ensures the Group achieves quorum for the

meetings to proceed and is both effective and robust when considering the 2025 - 26 waste savings proposals.

## **5. IMPACT ON PRIORITIES AS SET OUT IN THE CORPORATE PLAN 2023 - 2027**

### **5.1 Smarter finances**

5.1.1 The proposals being discussed in the Waste Contract Task and Finish Group could deliver significant savings to the Council, so these need to be properly debated prior to recommendation to the Strategy & Resources Committee.

### **5.2 A greener future**

5.2.1 The proposals encourage residents to recycle more and support the Government's Simpler Recycling initiative.

### **5.3 Provide good quality services.**

5.3.1 The proposals will continue to ensure the Council delivers good quality services to residents and can be better scrutinised with more Members in the Waste Contract Task and Finish Group.

## **6. IMPLICATIONS**

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – Any recommendations from the Waste Contract Task and Finish Group will be taken to the Strategy and Resources Committee and the Council for their consideration before any proposals are taken forward.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk (including Fraud implications)** – None.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – There will only be a financial impact if the proposals are supported by Members for Council Officers to implement. These financial implications would be costed as part of the project scoping exercise.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – There will only be an impact if the proposals are supported by Members for Council Officers to implement. The resource requirements would be established as part of the project scoping exercise.

Background Papers: None.

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