

Report to Environment and Sustainability Committee

12 December 2013

Agenda Item:

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR TRANSPORT, PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENT

WASTE MANAGEMENT - QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE REPORT 2013/14

Purpose of the Report

1. This report provides information to the Committee on the performance of the Waste Management Group (WMG) in performing its role as statutory Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) for Nottinghamshire.

Information and Advice

- 2. Waste management is a service area within the County Council which is used by every one of the County's 790,000 residents. The WMG manages around 383,000 tonnes of Local Authority Collected Waste every year, of which around 76,000 tonnes is delivered to the network of 14 Recycling Centres (RC) and 307,000 tonnes is collected from residential properties and businesses by the seven District and Borough Councils in Nottinghamshire in their role as statutory Waste Collection Authorities (WCA).
- 3. The service has an annual value of circa £32m.

Summary of Performance

- 4. **Appendix 1** shows current levels of performance for the service area.
- 5. Overall the service is performing acceptably, with recycling and landfill diversion broadly in line with 2012/13 figures, and currently showing as on-target for 2013/14.

Analysis

- 6. The performance report indicates that the annual target for landfill diversion will be met. Q2 will also show further improvement in performance due to increased availability at the Eastcroft Energy from Waste plant during the main summer shutdown compared to 2012/13. This shutdown occurred after the end of Q1 so is not reflected in these Q1 figures.
- 7. Recycling and Composting performance at the Recycling Centres in Q1 is averaging around 82%, with overall county wide Recycling and Composting performance broadly in line with 2012/13. It should be noted however that the target for 2012/13 (44%) was not met despite high level performance in Q1 2012/13. The target for 2013/14 is further increased to 45%.

8. The Council maintains exceptionally high levels of customer satisfaction through the RC service (98% very satisfied/satisfied on-site, 93% off site) and has recently implemented a scheme of improved signage and information at the sites.

Other Options Considered

9. None – this is an information report.

Reasons for Recommendations

10. Waste management is a significant area of spend for the Council, and has a major impact on the environmental and economic well being of the County. It is essential therefore that the Environment and Sustainability Committee is fully briefed on issues which impact on the delivery of the service.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

12. The monitoring of service performance will ensure that the circa £30m spent on waste management in Nottinghamshire every year will be used efficiently and effectively.

Implications for Service Users

13. The continued investment in waste management will ensure that quality standards are maintained and appropriate services provided to meet local needs.

Recommendation

14. That Committee note the contents of the report.

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Constitutional Comments

15. This report is for noting only.

Financial Comments

16. There are no direct financial implications contained in the report.

Background Papers

None.

Electoral Divisions

All