

10 March 2016**Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR TRANSPORT, PROPERTY AND
ENVIRONMENT****EU Waste Framework Directive - TEEP Assessment Annual Review****Purpose of the Report**

1. Members are asked to note the outcome the annual review of the TEEP assessment for the County Council as required under the revised EU Waste Framework Directive.

Information and AdviceBackground

2. The revised EU Waste Framework Directive requires the UK to take measures to promote high quality recycling. This included a specific requirement by January 2015, to set up separate waste collections of paper, plastic, metal and glass as a minimum. The aim of this is to increase the quality of recycled material by reducing contamination.
3. After January 2015, co-mingled collections could only continue where they provide high quality recyclables or where separate collection is not technically, economically or environmentally practicable (TEEP). The waste collector has to be able to prove that it has assessed whether the recyclates it is producing are of the necessary quality for reprocessing (the "Necessity Test"), or that it is not TEEP for it to collect paper, glass, plastics and metals separately.
4. The requirement applies to any organisation collecting waste - whether local authority or commercial collector, and includes commercial waste as well as household waste. It covers kerbside collections, bring sites and recycling centres.
5. Members will recall that an assessment was completed last year and approved at the Environment and Sustainability Committee of 12 February 2015.
6. As part of that approval it was agreed that the assessment would be reviewed annually. A copy of the review is attached as Appendix 1. Members will note that the review now only covers the Recycling Centres and not borough and district kerbside collections as those organisations have now all completed their own individual TEEP assessments.

Summary

7. The TEEP assessment was reviewed and over the last year, the separate collection of the 4 waste streams; paper, metal cans, plastic bottles and glass bottles continued at the Recycling Centres.
8. Therefore the outcome of the Necessity Test still indicates that a TEEP assessment is not required as the current collection system is compliant with the regulations, however a review was still carried out for completeness and information.
9. The review has concluded that the collection system at the Recycling Centres continues to meet the requirement of the regulations.

Other Options Considered

10. None. It is a legislative requirement for the County Council to undertake and review its collection systems and carry out a necessity test and TEEP assessment where required.

Reasons for Recommendations

11. The report is for noting only.

Statutory and Policy Implications

12. 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

13. Based on the outcome of the necessity test and TEEP assessment concluding that the existing collection systems are compliant with the regulations, there are no financial implications because the intention is that there will be no change to current collection methods.

Implications for Service Users

14. Based on the outcome of the necessity test and TEEP assessment concluding that the existing collection systems are compliant with the regulations, there are no implications for service users because the intention is that there will be no change to current collection methods.

Recommendation

15. Members note the outcome of the review.

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Constitutional Comments

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Financial Comments

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Background Papers

Report to Environment & Sustainability Committee dated 12 February 2015

Electoral Divisions

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