

Wiltshire Council

Environment Select Committee

18 July 2013

Statement of Cllr Nigel Carter, Devizes Town Council

I regret perhaps not being able to provide questions in more detail on the reports but there are two or three things which matter in the global context.

1. Recycling.

I think that we need more transparency on two counts. Firstly, whether material collected in segregated containers is, in fact, being recycled, where and how. Secondly, there needs to be an up-front mechanism for identifying financial returns from recyclates and what threshold at which a return to council kicks in.

2. Contract Duration

I know we have discussed this before, but there is no suggestion in this paper which encourages greater flexibility other than the hint from the consultations that 'packages' should be offered to make participation by small companies and specialist companies more appealing. I do hope that we can get away from long-terms contracts that tie us in so fruitlessly when technology advances.

A personal preference would be for the collection to be retained in house. It gives us a measure of controls/understanding. However, I would depend upon Michael Hudson (Service Director – Finance) to make a strong case for outsourcing

Nigel Carter, CEnv, FEI, MIEMA