

Wiltshire Council

Environment Select Committee

9 June 2015

Subject: Update on Waste Management performance 2014-15

Cabinet member: Councillor Toby Sturgis Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning (strategic and development management), Property, Waste and Strategic Housing

Key Decision: No

Purpose of Report

1. To provide an update on the outcome of performance against key measures for the Waste Management service for 2014-15.

Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. The Waste Management service makes a key contribution to Outcome 3 of the Business Plan 'Everyone in Wiltshire lives in a high quality environment'. This is underpinned by the delivery of the Wiltshire Council Waste Management Strategy.

Main Considerations for the Council

3. 225,677 tonnes of household waste were collected during 2014-15 in Wiltshire through the kerbside collection of non-recycled waste, dry recyclables (black box and plastic bottles and cardboard) and garden waste and the waste delivered by residents to household recycling centres. This represents an increase of 1.9% compared to total household waste collected in 2013-14.
4. 581 kg of waste which was not recycled or composted were collected on average from each household. This represents a reduction on the figure of 596 kg per household in 2013-14, despite the increase in household waste overall.
5. 46.4% of household waste was recycled or composted during 2014-15, an improvement on the figure of 44.1% for 2013-14. The seasonal impact of tonnes of garden waste collected gives considerable variation in recycling performance throughout the year. In the first two quarters from April to September 2014 performance was 49.2% and 48.5%. Garden waste composting in these quarters was 28.5% and 25.7% but fell to 13.7% in the fourth quarter from January to March 2015. This averaged out at a composting rate of 22% for the year with dry recycling contributing 24.4%,

both figures showing an improvement in performance compared to 2013-14.

6. Another key focus of the council's Waste Management Strategy is to reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill. In 2014-15 four out of five tonnes of our total waste were diverted from landfill. In addition to the waste which was recycled and composted, most of our non-recycled waste was used to generate energy from waste either through delivery to the Lakeside energy from waste plant or to the mechanical biological treatment plant at Westbury which treats waste to produce a solid recovered fuel. This fuel is still classified as waste so can only be used in energy from waste plants or in processes such as cement manufacturing where the kilns have been adapted to use waste as a fuel. There are not enough plants available in the UK to use the fuel produced from waste management processes. At present the fuel produced from the plant at Westbury is exported to other countries where there are plants with sufficient capacity to use it. In addition over 10,000 tonnes of wood waste, collected at household recycling centres, which could not be recycled, was used to generate energy from waste. The percentage of municipal waste which the council collected and sent to landfill was 20.3%.

Background

7. Environment Select Committee has worked closely with the Waste Management service through the work of the Waste Scrutiny Task Group. A key focus of the task group's work has been on communicating with residents to improve recycling performance. The Committee requested an update on performance in support of this work.

Safeguarding Implications

8. There are no safeguarding implications arising from this report.

Public Health Implications

9. Not applicable as no decision is required.

Corporate Procurement Implications

10. Not applicable as no decision is required.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

(detailing conclusions identified from Equality Analysis, sections 4 and 5)

11. Not applicable as no decision is required.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

12. Not applicable as no decision is required.

Risk Assessment

13. Not applicable as no decision is required.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision and related work is not taken

14. Not applicable as no decision is required.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision is taken and actions that will be taken to manage these risks

15. Not applicable as no decision is required.

Financial Implications

16. Not applicable as no decision is required.

Legal Implications

17. Not applicable as no decision is required.

Options Considered

18. Not applicable as no decision is required.

Conclusions

19. The report sets out the key performance measures for 2014-15 and shows the progress towards achieving the targets in the Wiltshire Council Waste Management Strategy.

Proposal

20. To note the update and outturn performance against key measures.

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Background Papers

Waste Management Update 2014-15

Appendices

None