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## REPORT OF THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

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The Lead Cabinet Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, Councillor C Maynard, met on 24 February 2014.

Attendance: Councillor Maynard (Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment)

Also present: Councillors Galley, Glazier, Hodges, Lambert, O’Keeffe, Pursglove, Stogdon and St. Pierre

### 1. Notice of Motion: Seaford Green Waste Collection

1.1 The Lead Cabinet Member has considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport concerning a Notice of Motion which was submitted by Councillor Lambert. The Notice of Motion states:

*“Given the concerns raised by local residents with regard to potential queues at both Seaford and Newhaven Household Waste sites when the reduced opening times are introduced, East Sussex County Council to call upon Lewes District Council to institute a green waste collection for Seaford to take effect from the date of the proposed closure of the tip four days a week.”*

1.2 In line with the Council's practice, the matter has been referred by the Chairman to the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment for consideration to assist and provide information to the County Council and help inform the debate.

1.3 Between October and December 2013 the County Council consulted on the revised Joint Waste Strategy which contained proposals to close Seaford Household Waste Recycling Site (HWRS) along with Forest Row and Wadhurst HWRSs. The Seaford community expressed significant opposition to the closure of its HWRS. The most commonly cited complaint by respondents was that the Council was proposing to close well-used public services. Whilst the original proposals were supported by a strong research base, as a result of the public consultation we have much clearer evidence of the local demand for these services.

1.4 Following the public consultation, at its meeting on 28 January 2014 the County Council’s Cabinet considered options other than the full closure of the HWRSs. The Cabinet’s decision was to keep Seaford and the other two HWRSs at Wadhurst and Forest Row open from Friday to Sunday.

1.5 As the waste collection authority, Lewes District Council (LDC) is responsible for collecting household waste and recycling from residents of Seaford. Green garden waste has not been collected by LDC. However, it is understood from discussion between Officers of both authorities that LDC is reviewing the provision of this service.

1.6 The Lead Cabinet Member **recommends** the County Council to

☆ (1) note the contents of this report in relation to Councillor Lambert’s request; and

(2) agree that the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport work with Lewes District Council should it wish to introduce a green waste collection service.

