



## LEAD MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

**DECISIONS** to be made by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment,  
Councillor Claire Dowling

**MONDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2019 AT 10.00 AM**

**COMMITTEE ROOM - COUNTY HALL, LEWES**

### **AGENDA**

- 1 Decisions made by the Lead Cabinet Member on 23 September 2019 (*Pages 3 - 4*)
- 2 Disclosure of Interests  
Disclosure by all Members present of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Members regard the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.
- 3 Urgent items  
Notification of any items which the Lead Member considers urgent and proposes to take at the appropriate part of the agenda.
- 4 New Waste Recycling Cost Sharing Agreement (WRCSA) between East Sussex County Council and Lewes District Council (*Pages 5 - 6*)  
Report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
- 5 Any urgent items previously notified under agenda item 3

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### 16 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 23 JULY 2019

16.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2019.

### 17 REPORTS

17.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

### 18 THE RIDGE, HASTINGS - PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITY

18.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport, together with the written comments of the Local Member in support of the proposal.

#### DECISIONS

18.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) note the comments from the local consultation; and

(2) approve the proposal to construct a pedestrian crossing on The Ridge, Hastings as set out in the report and as part of the 2019/20 Capital Programme for Local Transport Improvements.

#### Reasons

18.3 The County Council has previously received requests to provide pedestrian crossing facilities on The Ridge at the junctions of Chowns Hill and Elphinstone Road. Securing external funding has enabled the identification of the most appropriate location and a design to introduce a controlled pedestrian crossing, just to the east of the junction with Chowns Hill in the vicinity of St Helen's Church Hall.

18.4 The local consultation exercise identified a majority of respondents supported the scheme. Whilst there were some objections received suggesting that the crossing should be provided instead near the junction of Elphinstone Road, it is considered for the reasons set out in section 2 of the report that the significant accessibility improvements, which the installation of a signalised pedestrian crossing near the Chowns Hill junction will provide to the local community, outweigh these objections.

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**Report to:** Lead Member for Transport and Environment

**Date of meeting:** 21 October 2019

**By:** Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

**Title:** New Waste Recycling Cost Sharing Agreement between East Sussex County Council (ESCC) and Lewes District Council (LDC)

**Purpose:** A new Waste Recycling Cost Sharing Agreement has been agreed with LDC; setting out the credits that ESCC will pay to LDC for the recycling that they deliver to and retain from the Integrated Waste Management Services Contract. Delegated Authority is required to sign the agreement.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Lead Member is recommended to:

- (1) Approve the County Council entering into arrangements with Lewes District Council relating to the payment of recycling credits, as detailed in this report; and
  - (2) Delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to agree the terms of the proposed Waste Recycling Cost Sharing Agreement (WRCSA) with Lewes District Council (LDC) as well as any other District and Borough Councils within East Sussex where there is a statutory basis for doing so, and to take all other actions necessary in relation to such agreements and arrangements including variations or termination thereof.
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## **1 Background Information**

1.1. The Environmental Protection Act (1990) sets out obligations for a Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) to make a payment to a Waste Collection Authority (WCA) where the WCA retains recycling waste.

1.2. Further to the report to Cabinet dated 9 March 2010, under which authority was granted to enter into the WRCSA, the WRCSA has been the mechanism for paying recycling credits to the East Sussex Waste Collection Authorities since 2010/11.

1.3. This Agreement was terminated by mutual agreement of all parties on 28 June 2019, from which point the district and borough councils delivered the previously retained dry mixed recycling (DMR) to the County Council to manage.

1.4. LDC is unique amongst the district and boroughs, in that they are the only WCA in East Sussex to collect food waste and to retain their green waste. As a result, an agreement with LDC is needed to set out recycling credit arrangements. A new WRCSA has been drafted and agreed between ESCC and LDC.

## **2 Supporting Information**

2.1. Where LDC delivers food waste to ESCC to make arrangements for the processing through the Council's disposal contract, a payment is made to support the collection costs and encourage the separate collection of this waste stream. Composting food waste is cheaper than

disposing of it in the black bag waste and offers clear environmental benefits over incinerating it for energy recovery.

2.2. ESCC is passing to LDC the full saving generated from them collecting food waste separately for recycling rather than it being in the black bag bin and being incinerated at Newhaven Energy Recovery Facility (ERF). This is £19.86 per tonne (indexed) based on 900 tonnes, making a total saving of £17,874 per annum.

2.3. The credit for retained green waste is £28.53 per tonne (indexed). Based on annual green waste tonnages of 1,700 the payment will be £48,501.

2.4. The total recycling credit payment to LDC will be approximately £66,375 per annum. The Waste Team have the budget available to make these payments to LDC, as they are a pass-through or a share of the disposal costs that are avoided by LDC collecting and dealing with the recycling in this way.

2.5. The ESCC Legal Team has drafted an Agreement that reflects these arrangements and both parties are happy and ready to sign, once delegated authority is in place.

### **3 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations**

3.1. Both parties have agreed and are happy to sign up to the terms of the new WRCSA. The Lead Member is therefore recommended to approve the County Council entering into a new WRCSA with LDC, and to grant delegated authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to agree the terms, including any variation required in the future, or termination of the Agreement in the event the recycling credit is no longer due.

3.2. Additionally, although it is not currently anticipated that further WRCSAs are required, the Lead Member is recommended to delegate authority to the Director of CET to negotiate and enter into WRCSAs with district and boroughs, should the need arise.

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### **LOCAL MEMBERS**

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### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

WRCSA between ESCC and LDC