

Report to: Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting: 14 June 2017
By: Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
Title: Waste PFI Contract Update
Purpose: To update ETE Scrutiny Committee on the Waste PFI Operational Savings Review

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Economy, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Note the update on current progress with Local Partnerships; and
 - (2) For ETE Scrutiny Committee to consider setting up a Board to review Operational Savings in the Waste Disposal service.
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1. Background

1.1 A Waste PFI (Public Finance Initiative) Contract Update Report was presented to the Economy, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 9 November 2016. The Committee noted the work that had completed with the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and the work that had begun with Local Partnerships (a HM Treasury and Local Government Association joint venture that provides commercial support to the public sector).

1.2 The committee agreed to await completion of the work being undertaken with Local Partnerships on the Operational Savings Review before deciding if further scrutiny review work was required.

2. Operational Savings Review and achieving savings proposals for 2018/19

2.1 The Operational Savings Review is currently concluding and officers are waiting for the final report, which should be completed by the end of June. Local Partnerships have been supporting the Council since September 2016 in an effort to explore and deliver contract savings and efficiencies, which has followed on from a DEFRA contract management review that took place in March 2016.

2.2 From the work undertaken so far it is anticipated that Local Partnerships will not be identifying many major savings opportunities which are simple to achieve. Where appropriate, the Waste Team will action recommendations and continue with contractual negotiations to achieve savings.

2.3 The Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) savings target in the waste service of £800,000 for 2018/19 is a stretching one. Therefore, some of the proposals may have to impact upon the service the public receive. Having ETE Scrutiny Committee input into reviewing proposals would assist in developing plans to deliver savings.

3. Recommendations

3.1 Following the completion of the Operational Savings Review, the ETE Scrutiny Committee is asked to give consideration as to whether they want to form a Scrutiny Review Board to consider options for achieving savings in the waste budget for 2018/19.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None