



Waste Scrutiny Review Board of the Place Scrutiny Committee

Comments to Cabinet on the proposed changes to the Household Waste Recycling Site (HWRS) Service.

Background

The savings target for the Waste Disposal Service in the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan for 2018/19 is £720,000. Previously, a Scrutiny Review Board of the Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) Scrutiny Committee submitted comments to Cabinet on the opportunities for savings as part of the Council's Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources budget setting process. This was prior to the public consultation on the HWRS Service review.

The Place Scrutiny Committee re-established a Scrutiny Review Board at its meeting on 14 June 2018, to examine the outcome of the public consultation and to provide further comments to Cabinet on the proposals for the HWRS Service.

The Review Board met on Monday 18 June to consider the information contained in the Cabinet report and the recommendations for changes to the HWRS Service.

Comments to Cabinet

The Review Board noted the ongoing work to develop a Charity Waste Policy and would like the opportunity to examine the policy before consideration by the Lead Member later in the year.

The comments made by the Review Board are as follows:

- The Board welcomed the proposals for service improvements at the Hailsham HWRS and the possible extension of weekend opening hours at Eastbourne and Crowborough HWRS's.
- The Review Board notes that East Sussex County Council currently offers an above average service in comparison with other local authorities, and that if all the proposals are agreed, the overall level of service provision will still be reasonable and meet statutory requirements.
- The Review Board considered that given the financial position of the Council and the requirement to make savings, the proposals for the HWRS Service appear reasonable and well thought out. However, the Review Board recognises that if the recommendations are approved they will be challenging for some residents, particularly those that are affected by the proposed site closures.

Councillor Barry Taylor
(Chair of the Review Board)

Review Board Members:
Councillor Godfrey Daniel
Councillor Barry Taylor (Chair)

Review Board meeting date:
18 June 2018