

Dear Councillor

COUNCIL - MONDAY, 10 JULY 2023

Please find attached, for consideration at the meeting of the Council on Monday, 10 July 2023, the following documents that were unavailable when the agenda was published.

Agenda No Item

7. **Waste and Recycling Collection Policy (Pages 3 - 4)**
 To consider the recommendations of the Cabinet meeting held on 5 July 2023.
8. **Garden Waste Fees and Charges 2024-25 (Pages 5 - 6)**
 To consider the recommendations of the Cabinet meeting held on 5 July 2023.
9. **Development of a New Operational Services Depot at Hardley Industrial Estate (Pages 7 - 8)**
 To consider the recommendations of the Cabinet meeting held on 5 July 2023.
10. **Questions (Pages 9 - 10)**
 To ask questions under Standing Order 22. Questions received by the deadline are enclosed.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

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COUNCIL – 10 JULY 2023

PORTFOLIO: ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABILITY

WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION POLICY – RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET – 5 JULY 2023

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council approve the adoption of the proposed waste and recycling collection policy and new garden waste terms and conditions for the roll-out of new collection services as set out in the Waste Strategy 2022-2027.

2. DISCUSSION AT CABINET MEETING

In the absence of the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability, the report was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Homelessness.

The Portfolio Holder reminded members that, in response to national and regional changes in the approach to management of waste and resources, as well as a desire to ensure that local goals were met, the Council had approved a new Waste Strategy 2022-27 in July 2022. The proposed policy aimed to reduce waste and increase recycling in the District.

The Performance and Projects Manager for Waste and Transport briefly presented the report, highlighting that the policy detailed the way in which the new Waste and Recycling Strategy would be implemented to ensure continuity for residents, and set out the roles of responsibilities of the Council and residents. The policy would also improve the efficiencies and working conditions for operatives in the service as well as improving the service for residents. Members were informed that assisted collections service would continue and that residents could apply for this service through the Council's administrative systems.

Cabinet Members spoke in support of the proposed policy, acknowledging that it was a major change to the service. The level of public consultation had been extensive, and there was a need to recycle more.

Following a question from a non Cabinet Member, in relation to property suitability for the new core services, it was noted that the Council was working with Keep Britain Tidy to carry out a robust property survey within the District. This survey would, upon completion, be analysed by Council officers in order to ensure that the right service was provided to all properties.

Background Papers

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PORTFOLIO: ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABILITY

GARDEN WASTE FEES AND CHARGES 2024-25 – RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET – 5 JULY 2023

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council approve the adoption of the proposed garden waste fees as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, applicable from 1 April 2024.

2. DISCUSSION AT CABINET MEETING

In the absence of the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability, the report was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Homelessness.

The Portfolio Holder reminded members that, as of April 2024, changes to improve the Garden Waste collection service would occur and that subscribers would see an increase in their recycling capacity by way of the new 240 litre bins.

The Assistant Director for Place Operations briefly presented the report. Members heard that the fees for the Garden Waste collection service had previously been amongst the lowest in the County. The proposed fee of £65 per-year was comparable to the median fee across the County. New bins would be provided ahead of the April 2024 roll-out and the new scheme would run on a 12 month cycle.

Cabinet Members spoke in support of the proposed charges, acknowledging that the new charges were in line with their counterparts across Hampshire, whilst also doubling the capacity available for some residents. Cabinet Members felt that the move to wheeled bins was a more sustainable approach to the existing, plastic sacks, and improvements to the safety and efficiency experienced by collection staff were welcomed.

Background Papers

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PORTFOLIO: ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABILITY / FINANCE AND
CORPORATE

DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW OPERATIONAL SERVICES DEPOT AT HARDLEY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE – RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET – 5 JULY 2023

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve:

- i. The allocation of £7,800,000 in funding to complete this project, this figure being inclusive of all construction and relocation costs; and
- ii. To appoint the contractor identified in Confidential Appendix 3 as the preferred bidder to design and build the operational services depot on land at Hardley Industrial Estate.

2. DISCUSSION AT CABINET MEETING

The Leader of the Council, before introducing the report, reminded members that Appendix 3 of the report contained commercially sensitive information which was exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It was explained that if any member wished to discuss the content of Appendix 3, that the meeting would need to move into exempt-session, with the press and public excluded.

In the absence of the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability, the report was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Homelessness. The Portfolio Holder highlighted that in addition with modernising a frontline service, the new depot would provide staff with a better facility in which to work as well as improving the ability to collect a wider range of waste and recycling.

The Assistant Director of Place Operations briefly presented the report and reminded members that the existing depot at Clay Meadow in Totton was not sufficient in providing the facilities or capacities for the new modern service. The relocation would also release the current site for residential re-development. The new site at Hardley had obtained planning consent and a full procurement process had been undertaken with a preferred bidder identified. Completion costs would total £7.8 million, and funding would come from the capital programme reserve, capital receipts reserve and revenue contributions. The key risks identified within the report were consistent with any construction projects of a similar size, including the issue of inflation. The Waste Programme Board would oversee the project and relevant updates would be provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

Cabinet Members expressed their support of the project. Despite concerns around traffic and congestion at Hardley, members were reassured that the highways considerations had been factored into the planning application that was considered and approved in 2023 and that the operational hours would not coincide with rush hours during the day.

A question was posed by a non Cabinet member relating to Appendix 3 of the report, and by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the meeting went into private session, as noted at minute 19 of the Cabinet

minutes. The question posed related to the procurement criteria and the member was directed to section 6 of the public report, the Procurement Process. Following this, Cabinet agreed to re-enter public session and the item was brought to a close with the Cabinet agreeing to the recommendations within the report.

Background Papers

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Question 1

From Cllr M Wade to the Portfolio Holder for Community, Safety and Wellbeing, Cllr Poole

In the minutes of the February 2023 Council meeting, the Leader of the Council committed to three hundred thousand pounds (£300,000) in 2023/24 of investment in enhanced Community Safety measures, further enhancing the feeling of safety within our various communities. Please can you give us detail on how that funding will be used?

Question 2

From Cllr Rackham to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economy, Cllr Tipp

Before the recent election I was told that it would be left for the next administration to establish how Dibden Bay would be protected from development. Now that we're in the next administration could we please hear how the council will protect Dibden bay from Development as it has become part of the free port designated area?

Question 3

From Cllr A Wade to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability, Cllr Blunden

I, like most Cllrs around the District have received a significant amount of feedback on the Council's 'No Mow May' and grass cutting policy. Much of it has been positive, and it has been encouraging to see wildflowers growing and promoting biodiversity throughout the area. However, clearly there are lessons to be learnt with the maintenance of specific areas such as near main roads and junctions. So, we can ensure our Residents are understanding and support how approach, would you agree to a consultation with local Residents, Cllrs, and our fantastic Open Spaces Team on the policy, so next 'No Mow May' receives even more Community Support?

Question 4

From Cllr J Davies to the Portfolio Holder for Community, Safety and Wellbeing, Cllr Poole

During the previous Council, I tried to get the Council to write up a deprivation action plan, like they have in other councils, but that was torpedoed by Conservative Councillors. With a new-look council, will "reducing poverty and deprivation" now be included as an objective in the upcoming corporate plan?

Question 5

From Cllr Clark to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economy, Cllr Tipp

This is a follow-up to my question submitted to the Council meeting held on 11 April 22, regarding the Planning Committee's decision to grant permission to re-develop the site of the former Fawley Power Station.

The application 19/10581 is for 1,380 new homes and employment. The status was then and still is today "Awaiting decision", and is still subject to a completed Section 106 agreement.

The Case Officer addressed the Planning Committee at their December 2022 meeting with an “Update”, and a completed S106 was expected in January this year.

Will the Portfolio Holder explain in specific detail and the specific reasons why we still have no completed S106 agreement. It is now 3 years since determination and no decision notice has been issued. Surely, it is in the interest of this Council to be transparent, and also, it has to be in the public interest to know what is going on?

Question 6

From Cllr Sleep to the Portfolio Holder for Community, Safety and Wellbeing, Cllr Poole

At the Cabinet meeting held on 7 June, Cllr M Wade referred to the Waterside as a ‘cultural desert’. Does the Portfolio Holder for Community, Safety and Wellbeing agree with this statement? If not, can he please explain why?

Second Questions

Question 7

From Cllr A Wade to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Homelessness, Cllr S Davies

In the Annual Performance Report, it notes that we have currently completed 285 additional Council Homes, which is under half of the 600 homes target set for 2026. We are 3 years away, and only built 24 in 2021/22, are we in danger of missing this target? And as he is new to the role, are there any ideas or fresh approaches he is keen to explore in his new role?