

## **REPORT OF CABINET**

**(Meeting held on 2 October 2019)**

### **1. WASTE AND RECYCLING ARRANGEMENTS (MINUTE NO 34)**

The Leader of the Council informed Members of Hampshire County Council's plans for efficiency savings by 2021. This included three proposed changes to the current waste and recycling arrangements. Members were reminded that the District Council's responsibility is to collect waste and recycling materials and pass them over to the County Council who have the responsibility for disposal. The County Council currently have a contract with Veolia to carry out this responsibility on their behalf.

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regulatory Services detailed the changes, as follows:-

- Loss of income from the sale of mixed recycling, currently estimated to be worth £460,000 per annum to the District Council.
- Loss of income from recycling credits, currently estimated to be worth £220,000 per annum to the District Council.
- A new contamination charge, estimated to be an annual charge of £120,000.

These estimated amounts varied according to material market rates and tonnages and were based on 2017/18 budgets.

Members were informed that all three changes were proposed to commence in April 2021 and would be reflected in the District Council's Medium Term Financial Plan, to be considered by the Cabinet in November.

Looking ahead, the District Council continues to work with all Hampshire Districts and Boroughs, to assess the full implications of the proposed changes and the options that exist.

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Regulatory Services expressed optimism for the opportunity to consider these changes in conjunction with the changes in waste and recycling policy announced by central government, through the work of the recently established Task and Finish Group on developing a new Waste Strategy for the District.

### **2. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL – COUNCIL SIZE SUBMISSION (MINUTE NO 35)**

The Cabinet, having considered the work of the Electoral Review Task and Finish Group, is recommending that the Council submit the proposed Council Size submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), at appendix 1 to Cabinet Report 4 of the Cabinet agenda.

The submission identifies that a total of 48 councillors should be elected to New Forest District Council from the May 2023 elections.

Given that formal feedback from the LGBCE could be received after the Council meeting, the Cabinet is also recommending that authority be delegated to the Executive Head of Governance and Regulation, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make further changes prior to the final submission. It is anticipated that these will be minor in nature.

**RECOMMENDED:**

- (a) That the proposed Council Size submission on behalf of New Forest District Council (Appendix 1) be approved and submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE); and**
- (b) authority be delegated to the Executive Head of Governance and Regulation, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make further editing changes, corrections and updates to the document prior to submission.**

**COUNCILLOR B RICKMAN  
CHAIRMAN**