

Supplementary Agenda



Meeting name	Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee
Date	Tuesday, 5 October 2021
Start time	6.30 pm
Venue	Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. LE13 1GH
Other information	This meeting is open to the public

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6.	<p>PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COUNCIL HOMES AND LANDLORD SERVICES ANNUAL PRESENTATION</p> <p>The annual presentation of the Portfolio Holder for Council Homes and Landlord Services, Councillor Browne, is to be presented to the Committee.</p>	101 - 110
7.	<p>MELTON COMMUNITY LOTTERY UPDATE</p> <p>The Committee are to receive a report updating Members on the actions taken since Cabinet considered Scrutiny's recommendations on 18 March 2020.</p>	111 - 112
8.	<p>LEICESTERSHIRE WASTE STRATEGY</p> <p>Members are to receive a report on the Leicestershire Waste Strategy.</p>	113 - 124

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Council Housing Scrutiny Update

Cllr Ronan Browne, October 2021

Top Three Achievements



Compliance

What do we mean?

Fire Safety, Gas Servicing, Electrical Safety, Water Hygiene, Asbestos and Radon are what we generally regard as the key compliance headings in Housing



System Development

Northgate is our IHMS (Integrated Housing Management System) This had been poorly maintained and evolved, we have made great strides to enhance this system

On Time On Budget



Tenancy Agreement and Handbook

The 1st April saw us introduce our new tenancy agreement providing much needed consistency of approach and understanding

Challenges



Investment in stock to enhance decency
Capital Programme delivery
New Build Opportunities (Development)
Supplier resources and procurement



White Paper and Enhanced Regulatory Focus
Continue to Raise Standards and push for excellence
Enhance Tenant Satisfaction and Engage
Be Honest Self-Aware Transparent and Data Driven



Consistency of Approach
Stakeholder Engagement
Policy and Process led decision making
Providing high quality council homes and landlord services

Planned Maintenance

Collect Data NOT Paper



Stock Condition

**Habit No. 1:
Be
Proactive!**

IF NOT
NOW,
WHEN?

On The Front Foot

KEEP GOING

Keep Up The Pace

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Implement the learnings from the stock condition data. Aim to deliver Decent Homes + standard. Utilise our systems to the best advantage to target programmes to enhance the overall condition.

Through effective planning we have been able to ensure that we have contracts and contractors ready to deliver our programmes. The effective use and engagement of suppliers on the Dynamic Purchasing System has enabled this.

Last year saw us deliver more capital works than in recent times. The goal is to continue that for the next four years to put our stock at the decency level it needs to be.



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Responsive Repairs



Enhance contract management, ensure that both contractor and the Council are delivering their responsibilities.

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Work together to drive improvements. Need to utilise data to inform decisions. Better processes for sharing works information is in the process of development.



We need to ensure that we are getting more repairs right first time. The Tenants need to have more faith and reassurance that we are working together in the best interests of the tenant and Council.

New Build Development



Housing Development Strategy

Currently in draft to be shared with Portfolio Holder within the next two weeks.

The purpose of the document will be to outline how the council shall aim to provide additional council houses across the Borough



Development Plan

We are identifying a list of viable projects and locations to enable effective delivery of new homes across the Borough.

Our aim is for those properties to be aspirational and cutting edge in design and function, whilst still delivering value for money.

Next Steps

- HRA Business Plan, Stock Condition data, Sustainability of Council Housing for the long term
- Policy Development
- Regulatory Compliance, Keep apace with the wider sector
- Enable the voice of the Tenant
- Celebrate the Successes
- Continue to grow and nurture the team
- Support the team their purpose is to provide the best housing possible for our tenants

Questions

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Thank You For Listening

Cllr Ronan Browne & Craig Spence

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Melton Community Lottery Update – Addendum

Section 8.1 has been amended from the following:

8.1 The net direct cost for the lottery (excluding any overheads recharges) is £1.5k based on the budget for 2021/22. Including within this is a budgeted contribution of £5k to the community grants allocation as a contribution to offset those grant costs. Therefore, the overall net benefit to the authority through operation of the lottery is £3.5k.

to the following:

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	2019/20 Actual	2020/21 Actual	2021/22 Budget
Supplies and Services	£8,733	£6,921	£9,490
Income	(£12,568)	(£10,443)	(£13,000)
Gross Surplus	(£3,835)	(£3,522)	(£3,510)
Less Contribution to community grants	£4,910	£3,648	£5,000
Net cost	£1,075	£126	£1,490

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Scrutiny – Waste Strategy

5 October 2021

Introduction

- Leicestershire Joint Municipal Waste Strategy covered the period up to 2019
- New strategy coincides with national 'refresh' of waste management agenda
- New Environment Bill and Waste Management Plan for England introduces a number of changes with implications for Melton Borough Council and authorities across Leicestershire
- Objectives are twofold:
 - Help the nation meet Climate Change and CO2 objectives
 - Make it easier for residents to reduce, reuse and recycle
- The Leicestershire Waste Strategy is being compiled to include all new legislative requirements and expected statutory duties that will be required over the next 10 years.

The Waste Strategy

Led by Leicestershire County Council, representatives from all districts and boroughs and being compiled by Friths Resource Management, the strategy will cover the following elements:

1. Collection frequencies, methods and materials across the County
2. Disposal options and transportation implications
3. Environmental benefits (Co2 emissions, reduction of waste to landfill, decrease in amount of waste produced)
4. Enhancement of 'circular economy' and inverting the waste hierarchy
5. Affordability and sustainability
6. Flexibility of service and 'future proofing'
7. Engagement and communications



Inverting the pyramid.



Legislative changes

The Environment Bill and Waste Management Plan sets out how waste management can contribute to overarching climate change and environmental objectives.

The changes are driven through the principle of making it easier to reduce, reuse and recycle whilst reducing cost to the public and making it easier to access services.

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There are three main proposals with implications for Melton:

1. Free weekly food waste collections
2. Free garden waste collections
3. Separated and standardised recycling collections

Additional factors such as deposit return schemes and increased requirements on packaging manufacturers will impact upon the overall waste arisings.

Weekly food waste

- Driver is to reduce the amount of food waste in the general waste bin and therefore going to landfill
- Weekly collections to reduce odour and for customer convenience
- Evidence shows high tonnage for first 6 months before levelling off as buying habits are changed
- Option of collecting with the same vehicle as general/recycling (new vehicles needed)
 - At least three additional rounds required.
 - Most likely of the proposed changes to be adopted
 - Current timescale is for 2023/24 implementation, but this is unlikely to be maintained by Gov't.

Free garden waste

- Service is currently chargeable in Melton - £75 per bin per year.
- Waste contract ensures fixed income of circa £190k regardless of number of subscriptions
- Service (Green Waste Club) fully run and operated by Biffa
- Government wishes to standardise garden waste collections for customers
- Theory is that large amounts of garden waste going into general waste bin and therefore to landfill.
- Melton currently has around 10,000 subscribers. A free service would need to be offered to all 25,000 properties across the borough.
- Service would require additional two rounds (team and vehicles) to ensure coverage
- Least likely of proposals to be adopted

Redesigned recycling

- Aim of change is to standardise recycling collections nationally
- To ensure there is less differentiation between collection areas.
- Also, aim is to improve the quality (and therefore income) of materials collected
- Will likely involve splitting out the glass/metals/paper into separated waste streams
- Would require implementation of additional receptacles
- Likely to involve significant change for each household
- Casepack contract (LCC) could cause difficulties with this proposal



Financial implications

- Current Government guidance states that New Burdens funding will be available to cover all new costs incurred as a result of the legislation changes
- Significant additional cost burden expected as a result of the proposals:
 - Food waste: £450k p/a plus implementation of £500k
 - Garden waste: Loss of £190k income, additional cost burden of £350k per year
 - Recycling: Cost increased by £200k p/a plus £500k implementation costs
- Cost assumptions are estimates based on current contract costs

MTFS currently has £150k slated for trial of Food Waste



Timescales

- October 2021 – 3rd reading of Environment Bill
- October/November 2021 – Finalised options appraisal for Waste Strategy consultation
- December 2021 – Cabinet report for agreement of options for consultation
- January 2022 – Waste Strategy consultation
- March 2022 – Finalised Waste Strategy
- Early 2022/23 – Environment Bill Receives Royal Ascent
- Q1 2022/23 – Guidance relating to new collection proposals expected

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