

To: Cabinet

Date: 23 November 2021

Report/Comments of: Scrutiny Committee Chairman

Title: Scrutiny feedback on the Leicestershire Waste Strategy

| SUMMARY OF REPORT CONSIDERED | |
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| Report Title: | Leicestershire Waste Strategy |
| Purpose/Description of Report: | The report provided to Members the expected changes to legislation as part of the Environment Bill (2021), which will likely have a significant impact upon the Council's waste collection and disposal arrangements. |
| Key Decision: | No |
| Scrutiny Lead Member: | Scrutiny Committee Chairman |
| Relevant Portfolio Holder: | Cllr Alison Freer, Portfolio Holder for Climate, Access and Engagement |

1. Introduction and Overview

The Scrutiny Committee met on 5 October 2021 to consider the Leicestershire Waste Strategy report and provide initial feedback on the future of waste collection in Melton and ongoing comment on the development of options for the waste strategy.

2. Summary of Feedback/Recommendations for Cabinet Consideration

Comments made:

- The comment was made that, in light of other local authorities implementing food waste collections and the likelihood that food waste collections will be mandated by the Environment Bill, the implementation of a trial collection of food waste would be unnecessary.
- Members stated that the Council should reconsider promoting the use of composting as a way of disposing certain types of food waste.
- It was commented that discussions would need to take place with the waste disposal authority to ensure that there is proper oversight on the

end point of municipal waste and to ensure that it is correctly treated and not dumped on another country to deal with.

- The suggestion was made that the Council discusses with the waste disposal authority the use of anaerobic digesters to manage the disposal of waste.
- Concern was raised over the possibility that the Government are considering mandating free green waste collections to all properties. It is recommended that the Council assess the impact this would have in terms of service provision and budget.

Written by: Scrutiny Committee Chairman in consultation with Members of the Scrutiny Committee.