

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DATE: 22 June 2023

LOCATION: Hybrid

TITLE: Creation of a Waste Services Working Group

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To propose the creation of a Waste Services Working Group to oversee the development of the Ceredigion Waste Strategy

REASON SCRUTINY HAVE REQUESTED THE INFORMATION: N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Council's latest waste management strategy covered the period 2014-18 and has underpinned the direction of the waste management service since.

A new waste management strategy is now required to set out the future direction of the service, with specific regard to the county's household waste sites, next kerbside collection model and waste transfer station arrangements.

The work involved in considering future waste management options is complex and the waste management service is therefore in the process of procuring consultancy support to lead on the broad service review.

The waste service is seen as being one of the most important and high-profile Council services to many stakeholders, and any changes have the potential to be challenging and contentious. It is considered important therefore to agree at the outset how the service review would be managed and communicated within the organisation, to ensure a smooth decision-making process.

The proposed scope of the service review was discussed at a meeting of the Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 27 July 2022. At the meeting it was agreed that the waste service would work closely with the Committee throughout the service review process.

CURRENT SITUATION:

Procurement of the consultancy services has commenced, and officers will shortly be in a position to award the contract. It is considered appropriate therefore to now seek a mechanism for the Member's involvement in the project to receive regular updates from officers in relation to options being investigated and proposals considered.

It is therefore proposed to create a Waste Services Working Group to oversee the development of the Ceredigion Waste Strategy, which would report back to the

Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee at appropriate intervals, and the Committee's approval is therefore sought to:

- (i) create a Waste Service Working Group, to assist with bringing reasonable options into the democratic system
- (ii) request that the Thriving Communities Overviews and Scrutiny Committee nominate 5 Members to represent the Committee on the Working Group and that consideration is given to an appropriate political balance and urban/rural split within the Group

WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS:

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If not, please state why

Summary:

Long term:

Integration:

Collaboration:

Involvement:

Prevention:

RECOMMENDATION (S): To create a Waste Service Working Group

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: To create a Waste Services Working Group to oversee the development of the Ceredigion Waste Strategy

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Acronyms: