

## Warwickshire Waste Partnership

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### Household Waste Recycling Centre Review 2015

#### Recommendations

That the committee notes the report and provides any comments or observations, which they feel that the Warwickshire County Council Communities Overview and Scrutiny committee should consider at their meeting in September 2015.

#### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 Warwickshire County Council manages the Authority's statutory obligation to provide sites for members of the public to dispose of their household waste. It carries out this function through the provision of nine household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) across the county.
- 1.2 Eight of the HWRCs are managed directly by Warwickshire County Council (with two of these eight being operated by a charitable organisation on WCCs behalf). The ninth HWRC is managed and operated by a private waste management company.
- 1.3 In early 2010 the Waste Management Group undertook a fundamental review of its HWRC provision. The aim of the study was to review all aspects of the current service, as well as gather information both on the current service and best practice across the county.
- 1.4 Key decisions arising from the 2010 review:
  - Bringing the management and operation of Cherry Orchard, Grendon (now Lower House Farm), Princes Drive, Shipston, Stockton and Wellesbourne Household Waste Recycling Centres in-house when the contracts for the sites expired in November 2011.
  - The letting of contracts and management of services required to support the in house operation of the HWRCs.
  - Reducing the opening hours of all the Household Waste Recycling Centres.
  - The letting of a design, build and operate contract resulting in a brand new HWRC facility (including a charity operated re-use shop) in Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough.

- 1.5 The changes to the HWRC service resulted in excess of £1 million savings per annum across the HWRC service. In addition the changes have allowed for increased flexibility over the waste management service, which has assisted the authority in introducing new re-use and recycling services.
- 1.6 The Warwickshire Waste Partnership updated the Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Warwickshire in December 2013. As part of the update process the Partnership set the following target for the HWRC service:
- Provide an effective HWRC service aiming to reach re-use, recycling and composting levels of 75% across all sites by reducing recyclables being put into the residual waste stream

## **2.0 HWRC Review 2015**

- 2.1 To support a continuing effective and efficient HWRC service to residents the authority has carried out a further HWRC review.
- 2.2 The review looks at Warwickshire's current site provision, current waste materials provision, policies, current performance and data, public opinion, comparison with other local authorities and possible options for the future HWRC service.
- 2.3 The 2015 review shows that performance at the HWRCs has continued to improve and the present recycling rate for the HWRCs stands at 71.5%; this an increase of 18.3% since 2011 when the service was brought back in-house, which is good progress towards our waste strategy target to of 75%. Satisfaction levels from the public have also increased from 75% in 2010/11 to 97.71% in 2015.
- 2.4 The review seeks to provide an overview of future options to enable a plan to be formed for the HWRC service to have a sustainable future that enhances the provision and accommodates for the extra demand due to predicted housing growth over the coming years.

## **3.0 Next steps**

- 3.1 The HWRC 2015 review will go to the Communities Overview and Scrutiny committee in September 2015, along with comments or observations from the Warwickshire Waste Partnership Committee.

## Background Papers

None

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