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Report of the Executive Director of Strategic Resources

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NEW HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE LOCATED IN THE FORMER RSG BUILDING

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The aim of this report is to consult with the committee over the planned relocation of the Household Recycling Centre (HRC) from its current location next to the landfill site at Dogsthorpe to a new site in Fengate.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The committee support the proposal to relocate the HRC to the former RSG building in Fengate.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 3.1 The management of Peterborough's waste and recycling is an important part of its aspiration to become the UK's Environment Capital.

The Council wishes to reduce to an absolute minimum the amount of waste it sends to landfill for the following reasons:

- Because it is environmentally unsustainable;
- To save taxpayers money: landfill costs are increasing sharply each year.

The proposed facility is larger than the existing site, giving the Council the potential opportunity of increasing the variety of materials that can be deposited at the site for recycling.

The existing office space also offers the opportunity of setting up a reuse 'shop' allowing local residents to benefit from low cost goods. This is not possible at the existing site, which is too small. This could work well with the existing WEEE Reuse shop in the RSG building, which sells refurbished and repaired electrical goods.

Building a replacement HRC should enable the Council to maintain, and possibly improve on, the following National Indicators: NI192 (Household waste recycled and composted) and NI193 (Municipal waste land filled).

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In February 2007 Cabinet agreed to an integrated solution for waste management in Peterborough which included the provision of two household recycling centres serving the north and the south of the city.

- 4.2 In July 2011 Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee agreed that:-

1. In the best interests of the Council, the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee itself now

provides robust and effective overview, scrutiny and monitoring of the Waste 2020 Programme given the stage the Programme has now reached; and

2. Members Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group be disbanded in line with paragraph 18 of Part 4, Section 4 (Scrutiny Procedure Rules) of the constitution

4.3 The Cabinet Member Decision of August 2012 approved the following recommendation regarding the HRC *'To authorise the Executive Director – Strategic Resources to examine the feasibility of a new household recycling facility potentially located at the former RSG building in Fengate'*.

4.4 The lease on the existing site near Dogsthorpe expires on 31 October 2014.

4.5 Under Section 51 of the Environment Protection Act 1990 the Council has a Statutory obligation to provide a HRC for residents to deposit household waste.

5. KEY BENEFITS

5.1 The proposal offers a number of benefits:

Waste and recycling performance

- The size of the site offers the potential to increase the variety of materials collected for recycling.

Householder perception

- An improved design from the existing site should provide a tangible improvement in the recycling experience for householders, demonstrating the City Council's commitment to increasing recycling and becoming Environment Capital.

Operational

- The site is well located in Peterborough, allowing good access to residents.
- Non-recycled waste will be treated in the neighbouring Energy from Waste (EFW) facility from late 2015.

Planning considerations

- The land and building are already owned by the Council
- The site already has planning permission for a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) and a Waste Transfer Station
- The Council is no longer building a new MRF in the RSG building, therefore the building is ideal for another waste use.
- The proposed site is allocated within the 'Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Site Specific Proposals Development Plan' as a 'Waste Consultation Area'. The aim of a 'Waste Consultation Area' is to try and ensure that existing and allocated sites for waste management facilities are protected as far as practicable from development that would prejudice a waste management use

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 *Ward affected*

The proposed location in Fengate is in the East Ward.

Traffic movements

The proposed site is in a predominantly industrial area of Peterborough, with good transport

links to the centre of town and the Parkways. A full transport assessment is currently being carried out into the likely number of operational vehicles and cars that the HRC would attract.

Legal

- Moving the facility to the RSG building allows the Council to meet its Statutory Duty to provide a HRC when the lease expires on the existing site.

Property

- The RSG building is owned by the Council and therefore is utilising its own assets.

Procurement

- Cabinet Member Decision(s) will be required to approve the award of the construction of the facility and its operation (these will be Key Decision(s) as the cost would be over £500,000).

Financial

- The 2012/13 Budget and Medium–Term Financial Strategy Proposals Document from Cabinet (January 2012) has allocated £4,340,000 for a new HRC; however it is expected the cost will be lower than this as the land is already owned by the Council (around £1,000,000 was budgeted for land purchase costs).

Other

- Corporate Priorities: see section 3 above
- Environment Capital: see section 3 above
- Crime and Disorder: none
- Discrimination and equality: An Equality Impact Assessment will be required
- Human Resources: none
- ICT: none

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Ward Councillors in the East Ward of Peterborough have been made aware of the proposal and will be consulted through the Cabinet Member Decision process.

Public consultation will need to take place as part of the planning application process

8. NEXT STEPS

- 8.1 A Cabinet Member Decision is required to approve the new location for the household recycling centre.

A planning application will be submitted for the proposed facility.

Cabinet Member Decision(s) will be required for the award of the contract to construct the HRC and also the contract to operate the site (both will be Key Decisions due to their value).

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 9.1
- Future of Waste Management in Peterborough - Waste 2020: Doing Nothing is Not An Option – 08/02/2007
 - July 2011 Report to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee
 - Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee Held on 14 July 2011

- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Site Specific Proposals Development Plan (Adopted 22 February 2012)
- Waste 2020 Programme: Energy from Waste Facility and Other Associated Works and Services - AUG12/CMDN/077 (Recommendation 8).
- Peterborough City Council Budget 2012/13
- Medium–Term Financial Strategy Proposals Document from Cabinet (January 2012)

10. APPENDICES

10.1 None