

<b>DECISION TITLE: Closure of the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Reuse Facility</b>
<b>Councillor Marco Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste and Street Scene</b>
<b>November 2018</b>
<b>Deadline date: November 2018</b>

Cabinet portfolio holder:	Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste and Street Scene
Responsible Director:	Annette Joyce, Service Director Environment and Economy
Is this a Key Decision?	YES If yes has it been included on the Forward Plan: YES Unique Key decision Reference from Forward Plan: KEY/12NOV18/01
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO
Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto?	NO

## R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- a) In line with the proposed savings for the MTF5 2018 – 19 close the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) reuse facility on 31 December 2018 currently operated by Amey Limited in fulfilment of the Council's service agreement with Enterprise managed Services Limited.
- b) Approve the variation of the services agreement with Enterprise Managed Services Limited to reflect the closure.

### 1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 This report is submitted to the Cabinet Member for Waste and Street Scene to approve the service changes to the Enterprise Managed Services Limited agreement with respect to the WEEE Reuse facility.

## 2. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 2.1 This report is for Cabinet Member for Waste and Street Scene to consider exercising their delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.3 and 3.4.8 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (a).

## 3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	<b>N/A</b>
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## 4. DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED

- 4.1 This Cabinet Member Decision Notice proposes that the Cabinet Member for Waste and Street Scene approves changes to the Enterprise Managed Services Limited agreement with respect to the closure of the WEEE reuse facility.
- 4.2 The decision taken at Full Council in March 2018 as part of the MTFs 2018-19 was to explore options to see if any charities could take over the operation of the WEEE reuse facility which currently costs the authority £39,000 per annum in subsidies. The Council explored options for a charity to take over the facility but when interested charities looked at current working practices and the potential overhead costs they did not think it was a viable option for them. There have also been discussions with other councils and white goods operators who again advised the current model could not be made viable due to its restrictions in the way they can sell goods.
- 4.3 PCC are in early discussion and exploring options with other providers to offer community based initiatives from the existing building.

## 5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The proposed closure of the WEEE Reuse facility was consulted on as part of the Budget setting for 2018 -19.

## 6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 6.1 Applying these changes will not have any impacts on residents. Families on low income will still be able to get reduced priced white goods through the Peterborough Community Assistance Scheme (PCAS)

## 7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS & ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 7.1 After exploring all options with charities to take over the current facility as is, it was found this would not be feasible. As this is a non statutory service and to meet the budget requirements of the MTFs 2018-19 it is recommended to close the WEEE reuse facility.

Electrical goods will still be recycled correctly under the WEEE regulations and PCAS will continue to provide white goods as and when required.

## 8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 Do nothing – to continue to operate the WEEE facility costs the Council £39,000 per annum.
- 8.2 Source an alternative provider - this has been explored but no suitable replacement provider was found.

## **9. IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 There will be a total of 3 redundancies from the current staff operating the WEEE Reuse facility. Enterprise Managed Services Limited will look to redeploy staff elsewhere across the Enterprise Managed Services Limited contract, if possible in line with its policies and procedures.
- 9.2 Financial
  - 9.2.1 The saving from closing the WEEE is £39,000 per annum, the authority will also as part of the Enterprise Managed Services Limited contract finance any redundancy costs incurred as a result of the closure.
- 9.3 Legal
  - 9.3.1 The operation of the WEEE reuse facility is not a statutory service. The existing service contract with Enterprise Managed Services Limited will be varied in accordance with its contractual change provisions.
- 9.4 Equalities
  - 9.4.1 The WEEE Reuse offers low cost white goods to residents on low incomes this will continue to be provided through the PCAS scheme so residents should see no changes. Residents can also still purchase low costs B grade white good from the Whirlpool / Hotpoint shop direct in Peterborough.

## **10. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

None.

## **11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None.