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Decision Summary

Committee:
SCRUTINY PANEL

Date:

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ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Jodie Harris

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Chair

Councillor Andrew Cooper

Councillors Attended

Councillor Susan Lee-Richards

Councillor David Longstaff

Councillor Matthew McLoughlin

Councillor Will Simpson

Councillor John Taylor

Co-optees

Attendees

Observers

Apologies

1 Membership of the Panel

To receive apologies for absence from those Members who are unable to attend the meeting.

No apologies were received.

2 Declaration of Interests

Members will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have any disclosable pecuniary interests or any other interests, which may prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items.

Councillor John Taylor declared an interest relating to item 6 as the Alternative Director for SUEZ Recycling and Recovery Kirklees LTD.

3 Admission of the Public

Most agenda items take place in public. This only changes where there is a need to consider exempt information, as contained at Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. You will be informed at this point which items are to be recommended for exclusion and to be resolved by the Panel.

All items were considered in public session.

4 Call-in of Executive Director Decision in relation to Waste Disposal Contract - Household Waste Recycling Centre Efficiency Savings

The Panel will review the decision of the Executive Director, Place in respect of the Waste Disposal Contract – Household Waste Recycling Centre Efficiency Savings

RESOLVED: That the decision taken in relation to Waste Disposal Contract – Household Waste Recycling Centre Efficiency Savings be referred to the Decision Maker with the following recommendations in relation to the areas of focus as follows:

1. (Openness) That the Decision Maker be requested to refer the matter to Cabinet for determination due to the Panel's view that there was a lack of openness and understanding at the time when the delegation was made to the Executive Director for Place Growth and Regeneration (Cabinet 9th April 2024) and it wasn't clear that closure of a site was an option being considered.
2. (Consultation) The Panel resolved that there was a lack of engagement with Ward Councillors and service users and that more consultation with all relevant stakeholders must take place in the future.
3. (Options) That all alternative options and the reasons they were disregarded be shared as part of the decision-making process in future.

The Panel also highlighted the following learning points:

- i. That consultation with ward members should take place earlier in the process and in confidence, if necessary, in future.
- ii. That where information has been shared outside of the control of the decision maker, that the decision be paused to allow a consultation to take place if needed in future.