

Name of meeting: Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel

Date: 13th July 2021

Title of report: Kirklees Resource & Waste Strategy

Purpose of report: To share and discuss the Kirklees Resource & Waste Strategy prior to full council in September 2021

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes Significant investment will be required to deliver the proposed changes and is something which will affect every ward.
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)?</u>	Key Decision – Yes Private Report/Private Appendix – No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance? Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	30th June 2021 – Colin Parr Strategic Director , Environment and Climate Change N/A N/A
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Naheed Mather & Cllr Will Simpson

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: All

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered? N/A

1. Summary

The Kirklees Resource & Waste Strategy is being proposed for discussion and comment, prior to seeking adoption at full Council in September 2021.

2. Information required to take a decision

Enclosed with this report is a copy of the presentation slides to be used at Scrutiny which highlight the key areas contained within the Kirklees Resource & Waste Strategy (to follow).

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

A public consultation exercise was conducted in Autumn 2020 and the Resources & Waste Strategy incorporates the findings of this exercise. We will continue to place citizens at the heart of our decisions and will continue to conduct further public engagement as the initiatives from this strategy are implemented, as well as utilising trials.

3.2 Working with Partners

The strategy encapsulates how we will provide better waste management services for our residents and our businesses and the engagement we will undertake with partners to achieve our ambitions. The current waste disposal contract offers very good value for money but does not deliver all the environmental ambitions, particularly regarding recycling, that we would expect from a modern contract. The co engagement process will include Suez and other waste disposal operators in the market to gain a full understanding of opportunities available to provide the best service possible for Kirklees residents.

3.3 Place Based Working

Our Autumn engagement utilised a Place-based approach using a digital street whereby physical engagement was not possible. The strategy details how we intend to take a bold Place-based approach to deliver our services and also takes into account equality versus equity, where some communities may need additional resources and support. We will work with communities so we can prioritise local needs and Councillors, using the insight they have about the communities they represent, will be central to this activity.

3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

The strategy plays a key role in tackling climate change and improving air quality and the measures within this strategy will have a reduction upon both. Although the strategy will involve the expansion of our fleet, we will be seeking to ensure this is a green fleet wherever possible and a Strategic Environmental Assessment shows the impact of introducing the strategy provides a positive impact on the environment.

3.5 Improving outcomes for children

The strategy details how we will continue to provide an extensive engagement programme within schools and deliver meaningful educational resources to empower children to make a difference both now and in the future. We will also work with colleges and universities to support entrepreneurship and skills development in relation to waste management / circular economy; encouraging and enabling young people to explore, innovate and set up new sustainable businesses within the district.

3.6 Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources) Consultees and their opinions

As well as the public engagement exercise, the strategy has been presented to all Strategic Leadership Teams across the Council as well as Trade Unions. Feedback from these sessions has been incorporated into the strategy and will be carried forward into implementation of the initiatives contained within.

4. Next steps and timelines

Included within the presentation is a timeline for the strategy adoption and initial delivery milestones. In terms of adoption of the strategy, this is scheduled to be presented to full council on 8th September 2021.

5. Officer recommendations and reasons

Officers recommend that this strategy is agreed and progressed to full council in September 2021.

6. Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations

The Cabinet Portfolio Holders have been consulted with regards to the contents of the strategy and support the officers' recommendations.

7. Contact officer(s)

Natalie Clark, Programme Manager
Lory Hunter, Commercial & Technical Development Manager
Will Acornley, Head of Operational Services
Sue Procter, Service Director – Highways & Street scene

8. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Collection Consistency Framework – 2018-2020
Party Briefings – November-December 2020
Scrutiny Panel – December 2020
Public Engagement – Autumn/Winter 2020/21

9. Service Director responsible

Colin Parr – Environment & Climate Change