

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting24th January 2019

1. Title of Item/Report

Tees Valley Joint Waste Management Strategy 2020 - 2035 (JWMS)

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Tees Valley Joint Waste Management Strategy 2020 - 2035 (JWMS).

Tees Valley Joint Waste Management Strategy 2020-2035 (JWMS) public consultation period had ended. The final version on the Strategy, following Members approval, would be published by the Tees Valley councils.

The Tees Valley authorities; Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC), Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC), Middlesbrough Borough Council (MBC) and Hartlepool Borough Council (HBC) had an existing waste treatment solution under contract with Suez (formerly SITA) until 2020. The arrangement was put in place as part of a joint procurement between the four local authorities which made up Cleveland County in 1995 and led to a 250,000 tpa (tonnes per annum) Energy from Waste (EfW) incineration facility being built by Suez at Haverton Hill. The facility came online in 1998 and had been in operation for over 20 years. Darlington Borough Council (DBC) had a separate waste disposal contract.

The Tees Valley Authorities excluding Darlington Borough Council delivered approximately 180,000 tonnes of municipal waste into the Haverton Hill site. This was the non-recyclable residual waste collected both at the Kerbside and at our Household Waste Recycling Centre. The local authorities paid a gate fee for the processing of each tonne of waste which was delivered to the plant. The waste was in turn converted to energy which was fed in to the national grid.

The contract with Suez for waste disposal ran to 2025 which was agreed by Members as part of the 2018 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). Darlington Borough Council's contract was coterminous and ends 2025.

In order to plan for the future and place the Tees Valley in the strongest

position, a strategic outline business case had been developed to progress options for post 2025. Key to this was providing not only a long-term solution for dealing with waste but also to contribute to local economic growth, and supporting the circular economy.

The Tees Valley JWMS 2020-2035 had been shaped by National Policy that reflected the aims and objectives of the existing strategy which aimed to deliver a high quality, accessible and affordable waste management service that contributes to:

- Economic regeneration, including employment and a more circular economy;
- Recognising waste as a resource to maximise income;
- The protection of the environment and natural resources; reducing the carbon impact of waste management.
- Delivers customer satisfaction;
- Reduces the amount of waste generated by householders and the Councils;
- Increases reuse and recycling;
- Then maximises recovery of waste; and;
- Works towards zero waste to landfill

RESOLVED that the publication of the final version of the Tees Valley Joint Waste Management Strategy 2020-2035 (JWMS) be agreed.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To inform Cabinet of the publication of the Tees Valley Joint Waste Management Strategy 2020-2035 (JWMS).

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 1 February 2019

Proper Officer
28 January 2019