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Executive Director of
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Wards: All

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Cabinet Member consulted:

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report seeks approval for LB Enfield's Reduction and Recycling Plan (RRP) as set out in Appendix A.
- 1.2 In May 2018, the Mayor of London published the London Environment Strategy (LES). As part of the LES, the Mayor requires each London authority to produce a Reduction and Recycling Plan (RRP); the plan includes current and projected activities which will enable boroughs to achieve the objectives and targets around waste management as set out in the LES; alongside a carbon tracker which tracks the carbon impact of authorities' waste activities.
- 1.3 The plan identifies areas of current compliance, as well as future compliance in line with the targets set out in the LES. The majority of these were already identified as a result of the changes to Enfield's waste and recycling collection service planned for 2019/20.
- 1.4 The Greater London Authority (GLA) responded positively to our draft RRP, and there were no 'surprise' suggestions from them; No further feedback was received on the carbon tracker, the GLA has accepted the first formal draft.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet;

- 2.1 Approve Enfield's Reduction and Recycling Plan (RRP), attached as Appendix A. This plan sets out objectives, targets and policies for the effective management of Enfield's waste in line with the London Environment Strategy (LES).

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Reduction and Recycling Plan

3.1.1 In May 2018, the Mayor of London published the London Environment Strategy (LES). As part of the LES, the Mayor requires each London authority to produce a Reduction and Recycling Plan (RRP); the plan includes current and projected activities to achieve the objectives and targets around waste management; alongside a carbon tracker which tracks the carbon impact of our waste activities.

3.1.2 The LES sets out objectives, targets and policies for the effective management of London's waste and to accelerate the transition to a circular economy.

3.1.3 The objectives set in the LES, are as follows:

- Significantly reduce waste, focusing on food waste and single use packaging
- Maximise recycling rates
- Reduce the environmental impact of waste activities
- Maximise local waste sites and ensure London has enough infrastructure to manage all the waste it produces

3.1.4. These objectives are translated into London-wide targets:

- To reduce 'avoidable' food waste by 50% by 2030
- To achieve a 65% municipal¹ waste recycling rate by 2030

¹ Municipal Waste is household waste or business waste that is similar in composition irrespective of who collects or disposes of it. This includes waste from shops, offices, charities, schools and government buildings.

- To achieve a 50% recycling rate for local authority collected waste² by 2025
- To send zero biodegradable or recycling waste to landfill by 2026
- London to manage net 100% of all the waste it produces by 2026

3.1.5 The RRP is a four-year plan, requiring review with the GLA in 2022 in line with the LES targets. This is a dynamic working document; therefore, annual review will take place internally.

3.2 The Proposal

3.2.1 Our Reduction and Recycling Plan (RRP), attached in Appendix A, details that the Authority is already meeting the Mayor's minimum service level for the collection of the six main dry recyclable materials (glass, paper, card, plastics, tins and cans).

3.2.2 Enfield is introducing separate weekly food waste services for kerbside properties by 2020 – which is part of the LES requirement.

3.2.3 We are aiming to achieve a recycling rate of 49% by 2022, to meet the 50% target by 2025.

3.2.4 Enfield plans to restrict residual waste reducing the amount of general waste produced by households and drive up recycling by adopting an alternate weekly collection service for kerbside properties in 2020.

3.2.5 Enfield plans to explore electric vehicle options for smaller fleet vehicles and larger vehicles as they become more widely available, trial alternative fuels in diesel vehicles and transition all waste fleet vehicles to Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) compliant vehicles by 2020.

3.2.6 There is ongoing work with the North London Waste Authority (NLWA) to engage with communities in waste reduction and reuse activities.

3.2.7 Enfield is working with Suez, who manage the civic amenity site, to expand the acceptance of hazardous waste items at the Barrowell Green Reuse and Recycling Centre.

² Local Authority Collected Waste refers to all waste in the possession or control of waste authorities. This includes waste collected from households and businesses.

3.2.8 Other areas of focus include improvements to increase recycling in flats and waste and recycling provision for new housing developments.

3.3 Timeline and Approvals

| Action | Date |
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| First Draft of RRP submitted to the GLA | 10th April 2019 |
| First Draft of Carbon Tracker submitted to the GLA | 10th April 2019 |
| Initial feedback from the GLA | 26th April 2019 |
| 2nd Draft of RRP submitted to the GLA | 1st May 2019 |
| Further feedback from the GLA | 9th May 2019 |
| Final draft of RRP submitted to the GLA | 16th May 2019 |
| Final review by the GLA | 31st May 2019 |
| LBE Cabinet Decision | 17th July 2019 |
| Sign off by the Deputy Mayor of London | August 2019 |
| LBE Annual Review | May 2020 |
| LBE Annual Review | May 2021 |
| RRP Review with the GLA | May 2022 |

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

There are no alternative options, London boroughs are required to produce a Reduction and Recycling Plan (RRP) to set how each will contribute to the Mayor of London's Environment Strategy targets and demonstrate general conformity with his Strategy.

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The Reduction and Recycling Plan (RRP) has been written setting out the direction of travel that LB Enfield will take to contribute to the Mayor's of London's Environment Strategies priorities, targets and objectives.

6. COMMENTS FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS

6.1 Financial Implications

Paragraph 3.2 details Enfield's plan to meet the LES, which sets out objectives, targets and policies for the effective management of Enfield's waste in line with the London Environment Strategy (LES). The financial implications of these proposals can't be

quantified now, but officers will be monitoring their effect during the regular budget monitoring cycle.

6.2 Legal Implications

6.2.1 The Mayor is required to prepare and publish a London Environment Strategy by the Greater London Authority Act 1999 ('GLA Act' as amended), under changes made by the Localism Act 2011

6.2.2 Arising out of the London Environment Strategy is an expectation from that Mayor that local authorities develop reduction and recycling plans by 2020, which should include local reduction and recycling targets that contribute to the Mayor's London-wide targets.

6.2.3 The recommendations set out within this report are within the Council's powers and duties.

6.3 Property Implications

No property implications.

7. KEY RISKS

Failure to produce a Reduction and Recycling Plan (RRP) may lead to the Mayor of London using his powers to direct a Waste Authority in London where he considers that it is necessary for the purposes of the implementation of the municipal waste elements of the Environment Strategy.

8. IMPACT ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES – CREATING A LIFETIME OF OPPORTUNITIES IN ENFIELD

8.1 Good homes in well-connected neighbourhoods

This Reduction and Recycling Plan (RRP) will contribute to our Corporate Plan outcomes to create and sustain thriving, affordable neighbourhoods by ensuring services are maintained at a level that can meet evidenced need in the borough whilst contributing to the LES targets. The ability to maintain a high standard of waste and recycling collections to households and preserve the public realm will help to continue and enhance the position of LB Enfield as a place to invest and as a great place to live. The RRP references the reconfiguration of services which should assist with longer term transformational goals and strategic outcomes for the borough adding value to housing, regeneration and inward investment opportunities.

8.2 Sustain strong and healthy communities

The RRP can contribute positively to our strategic goals for making LB Enfield a healthier and greener place by providing services that can allow people to take greater responsibility for how they manage their waste and encourage recycling, composting and assist with meeting our ambitions for a clean green environment as stated in our Corporate Plan. The Plan also suggests a positive impact on public health, job creation and meet the obligation of the LES which strives for a more sustainable future.

8.3 Build our local economy to create a thriving place

The RRP will allow us to work ever more closely with our local business customers to help underpin a strong, ongoing response that can help deliver a strong and competitive local economy and vibrant town centres that benefit all residents. The RRP in line with the new waste and recycling service changes will influence our emerging town centre plans and help create context for our new Local Plan. The RRP should also help us approach the delivery of other aspects of environmental works with greater confidence as we know a fundamental tenet of how we manage the environment has been secured. This should benefit our ambitions as expressed in our Corporate Plan and our ambition to preserve heritage, maintain the quality of our parks and green space and contribute to the delivery of an Enfield that is a place to enjoy from childhood to old age.

9. EQUALITIES IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

Corporate advice has been sought regarding equalities and an agreement has been reached that an equalities impact assessment is neither relevant nor proportionate for the approval of this report. However, it should be noted that projects or work stream deriving from this may be subject to a separate Equalities Impact Assessment. Therefore, any projects or work stream will be assessed independently on its need to undertake an EQIA to ensure that the council meets the Public Sector Duty of the Equality Act 2010.

10. PERFORMANCE AND DATA IMPLICATIONS

Internal monitoring will continue and will allow the council to understand its progress towards reaching the milestones that are in the Reduction and Recycling Plan (RRP). This tracking will then allow the department to identify where there are challenges and where remedial action is needed to bring performance back in line with targets.

11. PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

The overall Reduction and Recycling Plan (RRP) and its individual elements will have positive impact on public health if implemented safely and effectively. One sustainable benefit would be a reduction in pollution.

Local management of waste can create jobs locally which could be a positive wider determinant of health. Reducing avoidable food waste will have health benefits directly from a more equitable distribution of food and indirectly from a potential reduction in portion size and increased consumption of fresh vegetables to avoid food waste. There could also be increased supply of household compost and organic animal food. However, it is vital to educate the residents how to reduce food waste without choosing unhealthy alternatives that make smaller size of waste such as take-away meals and long-lasting manufactured food.

Background Papers

None

Appendix A – Reduction and Recycling Plan (RRP)