

	COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL SERVICE REVIEW UPDATE
Committee	Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee
Committee Date	9 October 2018
Significant Decision	No
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Main Consultees	None
Purpose of Report	The purpose of this report is to update members on the Cotswold District Council (CDC) waste and recycling collection service review.
Recommendations	<p><i>It is recommended that the Committee:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Notes the progress made on the CDC service review; b) Reviews and considers the service options available to CDC and the wider partnership.
Resource Implications	None

1. Background

1.1 In 2012 CDC and Cheltenham Borough Council created Ubico Limited, a teckal company designed to deliver environmental services and provide better value for money. CDCs service transferred from SITA UK Limited to Ubico in August 2012 and some weeks later a new kerbside plastic collection service was launched. The Council purchased recycling collection vehicles at that time, which allowed materials that are pre-sorted by residents in black boxes and blue and white bags, to be loaded onto different compartments (stillages) on the vehicle. The vehicles were built to order with the size of each compartment being designed around the quantity of each material being collected in the Cotswolds.

1.2 Most waste and recycling collection vehicles have a useful life of around 7 years after which the cost to repair and maintain them becomes excessive and replacement becomes the better financial option. Vehicles are likely to breakdown more frequently as they get older and this can impact on the service to the customer and lead to considerable hire costs. As the CDC recycling fleet entered service in 2012 it is due for replacement in 2019. High repair costs are already being experienced, due to the punishing nature of the collection operation within this large rural district. A review is currently underway to consider depreciating fleet over 6 years, comparing replacement cost against maintenance and repair costs and considering qualitative factors such as service reliability.

1.3 Replacement of vehicles provides an opportunity to review the collection service that is provided. There are a number of reasons to consider service change, notably a desire to enhance existing service provision and recycling performance, a need to reflect changing demands (i.e. housing growth, changes in material quantities presented) and address financial pressures.

2. Shared Objectives – the Joint Waste Committee

2.1 The Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee (GJWC) has agreed a shared objective of working towards a common waste and recycling collection service in the County. Gloucester City and Stroud District Councils have also expressed an interest in this common aim. Greater alignment of collection services offers greater opportunities for shared services, joint procurement, increased resilience and efficiency savings. It would also present a simpler message to the public, particularly for those residents that may move between districts or have families in different areas. This in turn would enable more consistent communication strategies in support of the targets and aspirations set out in the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

2.2 CDC is the first authority to review its services since this objective was agreed by the GJWC. The committee was consulted on the public consultation that was developed for CDC and has approved its use as a broad template for all future waste consultations across the districts.

2.3 The challenge is now to develop a service model that may suit all partners, particularly as there is a range of collection methodology currently used from a fully pre-sorted kerbside service at Cotswold to a full comingled service at Tewkesbury. There also needs to be recognition that some collection methods will be better suited to certain demographics/environments; the challenges of collections in a rural district like Cotswold will be very different to the challenges of collections in an urban area such as Gloucester or Cheltenham. Complete service alignment may not be feasible, but the objective will be to achieve comparable and more standardised services where at all possible.

2.4 The CDC recycling service is currently very similar to the Cheltenham service, the only difference being the frequency of garden waste collections. If services can be aligned with neighbouring authorities it presents the opportunity to consider cross boundary working, which could generate savings for both authorities.

3. Review of service options

3.1 On behalf of CDC, the Joint Waste Team commissioned Resource Futures to undertake a review of the current service and to model a number of potential future

service options available to the authority and the wider partnership. The options evaluated are given in appendix 1.

3.2 This phase of work is now nearing completion and Ubico has been asked to cost up a shortlist of future collection options in more detail. The project team is also evaluating the potential risks and benefits of the short listed options.

3.3 Officers will present a summary of the options appraisal work and its draft outputs at the GJWC on 9th October. A summary of the public consultation findings will also be provided.

4. Service Options Review

4.1 Having received the presentation, Members of the JWC are asked to consider the service options available to CDC and the wider partnership and offer feedback, which can help inform the decision making process at CDC.

Appendix 1 – Service Options

Option	Residual		Dry recycling		Food		Garden																																																					
	Frequency / vehicle	Container	Frequency / vehicle	Container	Frequency / vehicle	Container	Frequency / vehicle	Container																																																				
Baseline	Fortnightly - RCV	180 litre wheeled bin (some households provided with 120 litre wheeled bins or plastic sacks)	Fortnightly - Multi-stream - Stillage	x2 reusable sacks and x1 kerbside box	Weekly - co-collected with garden waste - RCV	10 litre food waste container	Weekly - co-collected with food waste - RCV	240 litre wheeled bin or sacks																																																				
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