

<p><b>Title of Report:</b></p> <p>Switching for a Kerbside Co-Mingled to a kerbside Sort System</p>	<p><b>Officer Presenting:</b></p> <p>Head of Environment</p> <p><b>Author:</b></p> <p>Head of Environment</p>
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## **1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations**

- 1.1 To provide Members with a report into the costs and associated issues with regard to switching from a kerbside co-mingled collection system to a kerbside sort collection system following a request at a previous Committee meeting.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 Members will be aware that Council previously adopted a Circular Economy / Zero Waste strategy setting out the key actions to transition the Council and district into an exemplar community in terms of Circular Economy / Zero Waste.
- 2.2 Council has been progressing with many of the actions as set out in the strategy. In terms of the Zero Waste elements, the strategy proposed that Council should consider switching from the current kerbside co-mingled collection to a kerbside sort system whereby operatives sort recyclable materials into various streams - paper, cans, glass etc - during collections as opposed to the materials being collected co-mingled and then subsequently being sorted remotely at a Materials Recovery Facility.
- 2.3 In addition to switching collections systems this options also recommended reducing residual capacity by either moving to a three weekly collection of residual bins or by reducing the capacity within the bin from the current 240 litres to 180 litres.
- 2.4 In consideration of the above consultants were appointed to consider the key issues in switching to include, vehicles, manpower, containers, distribution, changes to transfer station etc their report is attached as appendix 1.

## **3 Key Issues**

- 3.1 The report identified that capital funding of circa £7.5 million will be required to implement the proposal with in addition further annual revenue funding of circa £1 million also required.

3.2 Whilst the report does not consider funding sources it is envisaged that the capital costs will could attract central government funding with the revenue element obtained through the rate setting process.

#### **4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs and other Implications**

4.1 As stated above significant capital and revenue funding will be required in order to implement this change should members endorse the proposal.

4.2 Given the scale of the project it is envisaged that the changes would be introduced over several years.

#### **5 Recommendations**

5.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report and to mandate officers to engage with Central Government to explore the possibility of funding to take forward relevant initiatives.

#### **Background Papers**

##### **Appendix 1. DS KS Sort Collection Study**