

NON KEY DECISION: REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: Councillor Dr Peter Moseley
Cabinet Member for Environment

REPORT AUTHOR: Assistant Director Environment

REPORT NO. ENV684

DATE: 22 February 2018

SUBJECT OF NON KEY DECISION:	Pilot Food Waste Collection Service
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CABINET MEMBER REMIT:	Environment		
CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:	None		
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:	This report is publicly available on the Council's website www.southkesteven.gov.uk via your Council and Democracy link		
INITIAL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	Carried out and appended to report?	Full impact assessment required?	No
BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Cabinet report ENV674 Pilot Food Waste Collection Service http://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/documents/s19370/Cabinet%20Food%20wastev6F%20002.pdf		

(1) PURPOSE OF REPORT

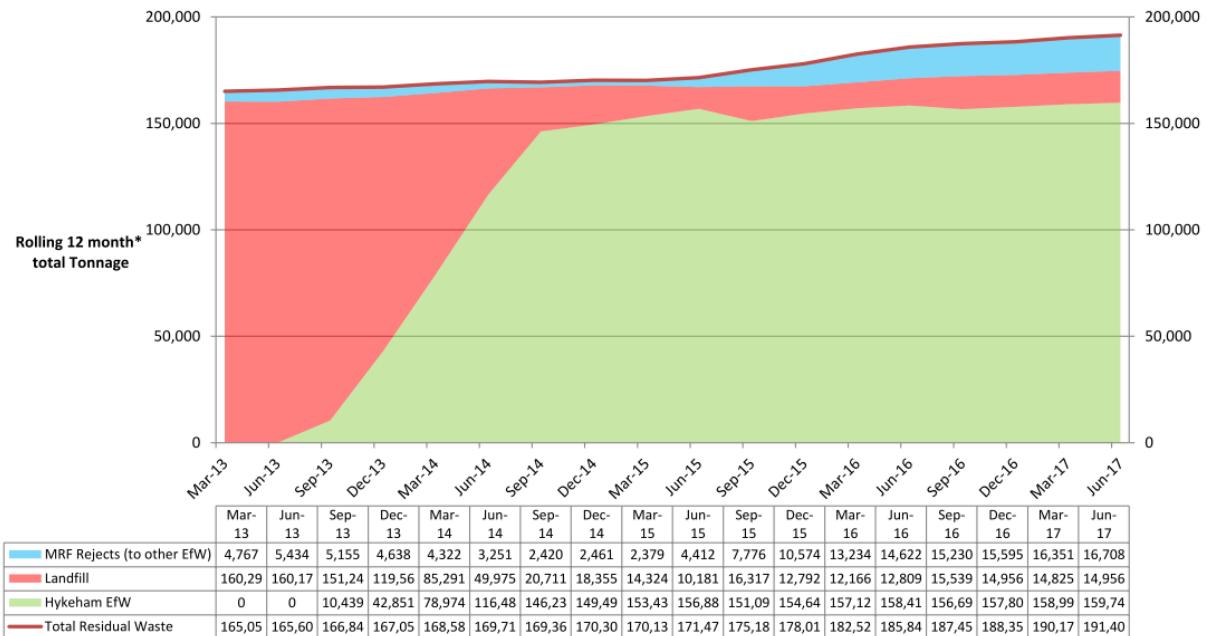
To seek approval to undertake a pilot food waste collection service to approximately 4700 properties in South Kesteven district over a 12 month period, funded by Lincolnshire County Council on behalf of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership (LWP).

(2) RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Environment approves the implementation of a pilot food waste service on behalf of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership under the terms agreed and set out in this report ENV684.

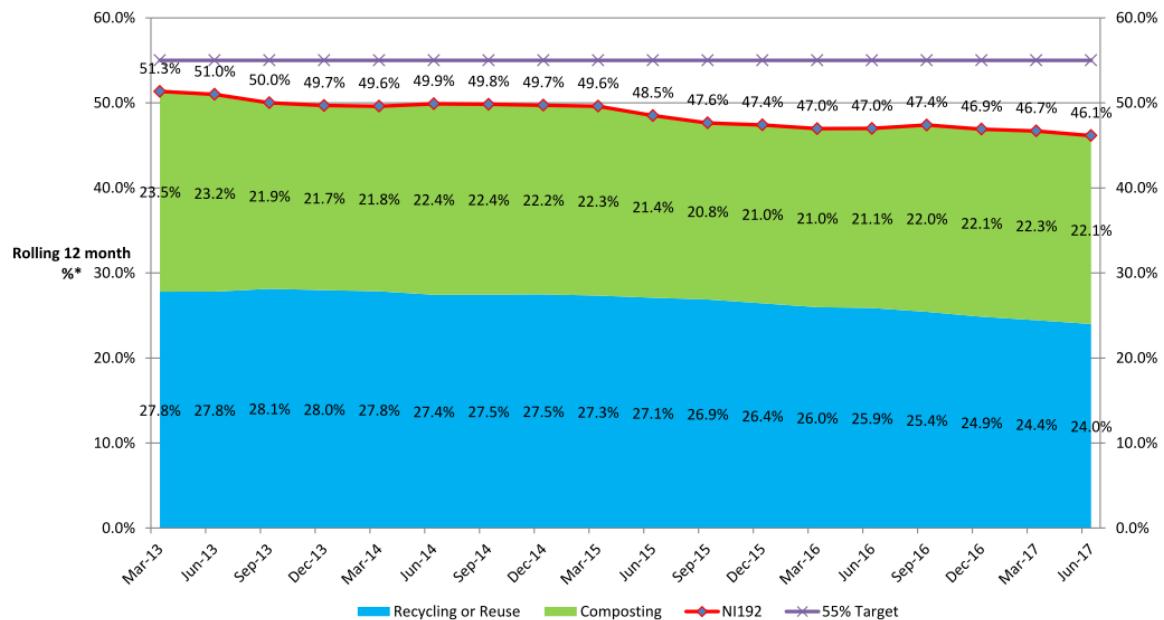
(3) REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership (LWP) brings together the 7 Lincolnshire Waste Collection Authorities (Districts and the City), the Waste Disposal Authority (Lincolnshire County Council) and the Environment Agency as the partners responsible for managing the municipal waste produced in Lincolnshire. Through this partnership a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) is produced providing the strategic framework through which all the partners manage the waste produced. The current 2008 strategy is now under review with a focus on innovation and new ways of working to deliver the intended outcomes.
- 3.2 Good progress has been made towards the goals as set out in 2008; with recycling rates continuing upwards from around 12% to around 46% in 2017 and the diversion of residual waste from landfill to the new energy from waste (EFW) plant at North Hykeham. The strategy was not designed to rely entirely on EFW to meet all the landfill diversion targets. The intention was to ensure the waste hierarchy was supported through waste prevention, re use, recycling and then energy from waste with landfill being a final option.
- 3.3 In respect of Lincolnshire, the graph produced by Lincolnshire County Council below demonstrates the shift away from landfill, the increasing volume of residual waste being produced and the growing levels of rejected materials (contamination) from the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). The contamination is often due to food waste.



* Data is calculated as a rolling 12 month total for example: June 17 shows the total tonnage collected for the 4 quarters from 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017.

3.4 The graph produced by Lincolnshire County Council below demonstrates the downward trend in the overall level of materials recycled across Lincolnshire. This reflects the national picture. Currently, the most common methods of recycling in Lincolnshire are by means of the co-mingled wheeled bin fortnightly and dedicated green waste wheeled bin collections. There are no separate weekly food waste collections.



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3.5 Cabinet at its 11 January 2018 meeting supported the principle to pilot a food waste collection service.

(4) Food Waste Collections

4.1 As part of the development of the new JMWMS, a number of different approaches are being considered, including the option for countywide food waste collections. This could help reduce the amount of waste being sent to the EFW plant, improve recycling rates and reduce levels of food contamination in the recycled waste. In order to assess the impact of food waste collections in Lincolnshire, the County Council has requested support from a Waste Collection Authority to pilot an approach.

4.2 A pilot food waste collection service will enable the assessment of the following over varying geographical and demographic areas:-

- the amount of food waste that can be collected on a weekly basis
- the levels of participation and customer acceptance
- the collection costs
- the impact on the different waste streams i.e. residual and recycling
- the impact on the volume of residual waste sent to the EFW plant
- the impact on recycling rates

(5) The Pilot

5.1 Agreement has been reached with Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) who will fund the pilot service. LCC will make an initial payment of £150,015 to cover the collection service for 12 months. This covers the additional collection costs (vehicles and manpower) and includes the procurement of the required kitchen and kerbside food waste caddies and associated liners. The final communications campaign programme and associated expenditure is subject to further agreement between the two parties but will be funded by LCC. A letter confirming the overall arrangement has been received from LCC.

5.2 It is intended that the pilot food waste service will operate on an existing collection round, making it possible to measure the impact of the service on the residual and recycled waste streams. The selected round covers different geographical and demographical areas of the District, collecting from approximately 4,700 properties. This is expected to result in an average of around 1.3kg of food waste being collected per property over the period of the pilot, amounting to a possible 320 tonnes per annum. A smaller pilot scheme will not deliver scales of economy in terms of collection costs compared to a District wide scheme.

5.3 The pilot results will be shared with the LWP, allowing the partnership to make informed decisions for the future waste strategy.

(6) COMMENTS FROM FINANCIAL SERVICES

6.1 This pilot is to be fully funded from Lincolnshire County Council and at no cost to the District Council. Therefore it is important to ensure all costs associated with

the pilot are identified and allocated to ensure the contribution from the County Council is not exceeded.

(7) COMMENTS FROM LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

7.1 As a waste collection authority, the District Council, has a duty to collect household waste free of charge in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Food waste is collected in general household waste black bins. Currently, there is no legal requirement for the separate collection of food waste. The provision of such a service would be at the discretion of each collection authority.

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(9) DATE DECISION EFFECTIVE:

If decision taken on 5th March 2018 date effective will be Wednesday 14th March 2018