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## Finance and Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee

27 June 2024

Report of Councillor Richard Cleaver,  
Cabinet Member for Property and  
Public Engagement

# Progress Update in respect of the construction of the Waste Depot, Turnpike Close Grantham

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### Purpose of Report

This report provides a progress update on the new Waste Depot project.

### Recommendations

**The Finance and Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the current position with respect to the delivery of the new Waste Depot Turnpike Close Grantham.**

### Decision Information

Is this a Key Decision?

N/a

Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?

N/a

What are the relevant corporate priorities?

Effective Council

Which wards are impacted?

Earlesfield Ward

## **1. Implications**

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

### ***Finance***

- 1.1 Budget approval of £8.8m has been given for this project by Council 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and the ongoing financial updates are being presented to the Finance and Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Completed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer

### ***Legal and Governance***

- 1.2 There are no significant legal and governance implications associated with this proposal.

Completed by: Mandy Braithwaite, Legal Executive

## **2. Background to the Report**

- 2.1 The Finance and Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee was provided with an update on the new Waste Depot project at their last meeting on 8 May 2024 where it was agreed that the Committee would be provided with regular updates at each of their meetings during the project delivery phase. This report is the first in the project updates the Committee will receive.

### **Updated Timetable**

The following provisional programme was presented at the last meeting and an updated timeline is shown alongside the dates previously shown:

	Programme Summary	Updated Programme Summary
<b>Cabinet Approval</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
<b>Value Engineering Period</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> April – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	16 <sup>th</sup> April – 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
<b>Enter into NEC4 Professional Services Contract</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	14 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
<b>Progression of Stage 4 Design</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	17 <sup>th</sup> June – 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2024
<b>Design Evaluation, Completion and legal preparation.</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> July – 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	9 <sup>th</sup> August – 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
<b>Construction Contract Award</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	27 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
<b>Contractor mobilisation period</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> September – 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	30 <sup>th</sup> September - 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
<b>Construction Period commences</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	11 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
<b>Targeted completion date</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025
<b>Mobilisation Period</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025 – 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 25	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025 – 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 25
<b>Operational Go-live</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2025

2.2 The above table shows that there has been some movement on the original provisional dates due to the additional time it has taken to secure the value engineering savings necessary to reduce the project costs. This has taken additional time to ensure the scheme quality and operational practicality is not compromised and also to ensure any design changes do not conflict with the approved planning permission. Only when the value engineering review has been completed can the project move to the next stage (stage 4 design) so any slippage on the value engineering phase will have a direct impact on the subsequent project phase. The summary timetable does show, however, that the current expectation is that the operational go live date can still be achieved and there will be opportunities to claw back the time that has currently been slipped.

### 2.3 Value Engineering Summary

This element of the scheme development has taken a significant amount of time due to the requirement to ensure that the scheme quality is not compromised

and to avoid any approved planning conflicts. The approved contractor has also needed to revisit the supply chain and sub-contractor pricing in order to be able to quantify in financial terms any variations to the original submitted pricing. However significant progress has been made and over £350k of construction savings has been identified and these will reduce the construction cost down to £7.9m.

- 2.4 In order to enable members to receive a summary of the latest project position, a project summary dashboard has been created and is shown at Appendix A. This has been developed to bring together a summary of key information relating to the project status enables a snapshot to be provided. Members are invited to comment on the dashboard and make any suggestions or additional information they would like to see provided.

### **3. Key Considerations**

- 3.1 This report sets out the latest position with this important project and the next stages in order to deliver the overall scheme. It is important the Committee is kept updated as the scheme progresses.

### **4. Other Options Considered**

- 4.1 No other options are considered.

### **5. Reasons for the Recommendations**

- 5.1 These are set out in the report.

### **6. Background Papers**

- 6.1 The previous update report can be accessed here:

[Agenda for Finance and Economic Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday, 8th May, 2024, 2.00 pm | South Kesteven District Council](#)

### **7. Appendix**

- 7.1 Appendix A – Project Dashboard