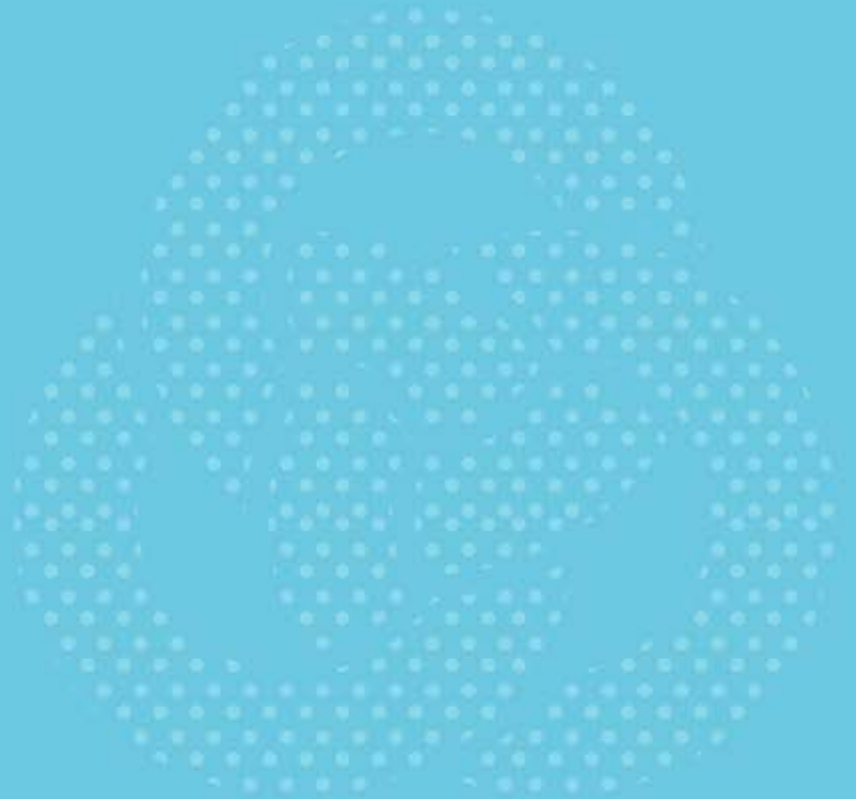




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# Waste & Resources Strategy Members Working Group



# Reminder - Why do we need a Waste & Resources Strategy?

## For West Northamptonshire

- The strategy will set a 'vision' to guide how we replace contracts and develop waste services;
- To help ensure efficient waste services and value for money.

## National Legislation

- Duty to have in place a strategy for management of municipal waste;
- Requirement to set objectives and targets with an action plan to show how we will meet our statutory obligations.

# Governance

- Members working group includes representation from:
  - Cabinet & Scrutiny
  - All geographic areas
  - All political parties
- Not lead by either Cabinet or Scrutiny, but will report back to both committees.
- Terms of Reference agreed.

## Member Workshops

- Overview of development of WNC waste & resources strategy presented to both Cabinet & Scrutiny;
- Member workshops held:
  - December – to explain scope of waste strategy and identify member's priorities for waste services;
  - January – to focus on waste collection services at both kerbside and Household Waste Recycling Centres.
- Further workshop planned for February which will focus on infrastructure.

## Officer Workshops

- Workshops held with senior officers in other service areas which interface with waste.
- Workshops also held with waste team (service experts).

# December Workshop

## Priorities & Ambitions

Prioritise the following by ranking them



# December Workshop

## Challenges identified by members in workshop

- To deliver aspirations within financial constraints;
- To harmonise whilst recognising different service may be required in urban / rural areas;
- To meet legal requirements & targets
- Public support
- Sustainable transport of waste
- Quality vs cost
- Links with other Council services
- Balancing education & enforcement
- Pressure to reduce cost
- Finding markets for all recyclables
- Encouraging residents to minimise waste
- Reusing more waste (including garden waste)
- Balancing public expectations and pressure to reduce cost

# January Workshop

## Collection systems – Summary of findings

### No 'silver bullet' solution

- WNC is not dissimilar to high performing authorities.

### Strong evidence of benefits from:

- Restricting residual waste capacity (smaller bins or reduced collection frequency)
- Collecting organic wastes
- Increasing consistency of collection system
- Increasing resident engagement / communications
- Effective design and management of HWRCs

# January Workshop

## Collection systems – Member Discussion

- There was not a strong preference for a particular delivery model (in house, contract or JV); but value for money services are important.
- Overall, need to ensure residents have equal access to services, but factors such as housing type should be considered.
- Noted how little waste was landfilled.
- Residual waste capacity influences resident's behaviour, for example by reducing overall capacity increases participation in recycling, food and garden waste services.
- The waste collection systems are interlinked and need to consider impact (positive and negative) that changes can make elsewhere in the system.
- Communications and education are important to encourage, inform and positively influence resident's behaviour.



# Next steps

- February - 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop will focus on infrastructure – what we have now & potential opportunities to improve or develop.

