

Overview and Scrutiny

10 April 2017

Is the final decision on the recommendations in this report to be made at this meeting?

Yes

Update on Review of the Civic Amenity Vehicle Service

Final Decision-Maker	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Portfolio Holder(s)	Councillor Ronen Basu, Portfolio Holder for Sustainability
Lead Director	Paul Taylor, Director of Change and Communities
Head of Service	Gary Stevenson, Head of Environment and Street Scene
Lead Officer/Report Author	Nick Peeters, Scrutiny and Performance Officer and Paul Shipley, Contracts Manager
Classification	Non-exempt
Wards affected	Benenden and Cranbrook, Brenchley and Horsmonden, Frittenden and Sissinghurst, Goudhurst and Lamberhurst, Hawkhurst and Sandhurst, Pembury, Paddock Wood (East and West)

This report makes the following recommendations to the final decision-maker:

1. That the Overview and Scrutiny notes the update at appendix A and also the comments made at the Parish Chairmen's Forum at appendix B.

This report relates to the following Five Year Plan Key Objectives:

A green borough – the collections by the weekend civic amenity vehicle service are only in the Council's rural wards, but contribute to the overall work of the Council in increasing recycling rates and reducing landfill.

Timetable

Meeting	Date
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	10 April 2017

Update on Review of the Civic Amenity Vehicle Service

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The report and appendix provide an update on the Council's review of the Civic Amenity Vehicle service. Overview and Scrutiny Committee members requested that the update on the review be made available to them following consideration by the Parish Chairmen's Forum.

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

2.1 When considering topics for inclusion in the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work programme, Members asked that the Council's renewal of its Recycling and Household Waste Contract be included. A task and finish group was appointed to look at the contract prior to its renewal in 2019 and part of the discussion during the Group's meetings focused on the Council's Civic Amenity Vehicle service.

2.2 The Civic Amenity Vehicle service forms a small part of the refuse and recycling contract. It is a weekend service to assist residents in the more rural areas of the borough to dispose of material in excess of the capacity provided by the kerbside collection.

2.3 In 2015/16, the Council, in cooperation with town and parish councils in the borough, undertook a piece of work which looked at a redesign of the service with a view to improving recycling rates, reducing waste going to landfill and achieving necessary savings. It was agreed that, following commissioning of the redesigned service, a six month review would take place and on 14 March 2017, the Parish Chairmen's Forum was provided with an update report (appendix A to this report).

2.4 It was agreed by the Recycling/Household Waste Contract Task and Finish Group that the review should be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny after being discussed at the Parish Chairmen's Forum had had an opportunity to comment on the update. The relevant minute from the Parish Chairman's Forum can be found at appendix B to this report.

3 AVAILABLE OPTIONS

3.1 The report and appendix is for noting and intended to provide a focus of discussion for Members.

4 NEXT STEPS: COMMUNICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

4.1 The decision of the Committee will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The minutes will be published and made available on the Council's website

5 CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Issue	Implications	Sign-off (name of officer and date)
Legal including Human Rights Act	There are no direct legal or human rights implications resulting from the recommendation in the report.	Interim Head of Mid-Kent Legal Partnership
Finance and other resources	There are no direct financial implications resulting from the recommendation in the report.	Head of Finance and Procurement (27/03/17)
Staffing establishment	There is no direct impact on staffing levels as a result of the recommendation in the report.	Nicky Carter, Human Resources Manager
Equalities	The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no apparent equality impact on end users.	Sarah Lavallie, Equalities Officer (27/03/17)

5. REPORT APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Report to 14 March 2017 Parish Chairman’s Forum – Civic Amenity Vehicle Update

Appendix B – Extract from the minutes of the Parish Chairmen’s Forum 14 March 2017

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS: none