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| PART B: | RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL |
| DATE: | 23 MARCH 2017 |
| REPORT OF THE: | FRONT LINE SERVICE DELIVERY LEAD BECKIE BENNETT |
| TITLE OF REPORT: | PROPOSED WASTE TRANSFER STATION FOR RYEDALE |
| WARDS AFFECTED: | ALL |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present the preferred option for a waste transfer station for the Ryedale District Council (RDC) area.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Members recommend to Full Council that this Council enter into an agreement with North Yorkshire County Council, as the Waste Disposal Authority for RDC, to provide a waste transfer station at Kirbymisperton, conditional upon a maximum contribution up to £265k per annum from RDC.
- 2.2 That the Medium Term Revenue Forecast be amended to reflect an additional growth item of £152k and that officers work to deliver additional savings through the Towards 2020 efficiency programme to mitigate the impact.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The development of a waste transfer station at Kirbymisperton is the least-worst option for RDC and avoids additional costs to the public purse in excess of £235k per annum if RDC instead had to use a waste transfer station in Seamer.

REPORT

4.0 BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

- 4.1 North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) have agreed on a strategy for a waste transfer station for use by Ryedale District Council as detailed in the report attached at Annex A.

5.0 POLICY CONTEXT

- 5.1 RDC has a duty as a waste collection authority (WCA) to collect household waste together with commercial waste where it is requested to do so from business premises within the district.

- 5.2 NYCC has a duty as the waste disposal authority (WDA) to arrange for the disposal of household and commercial waste collected by the WCAs in its area and has a power of direction which can be used to require a WCA to take its waste collected to a particular waste transfer station.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Any consultation on this matter would be the responsibility of NYCC as the Waste Disposal Authority.

7.0 REPORT DETAILS

- 7.1 The report attached at Annex A provides the detail and the options available in relation to this matter.
- 7.2 The procurement exercise referred to in the attached report at recommendation (a) is currently being undertaken by Yorwaste on behalf of NYCC. This will provide comparative costs but is unlikely to provide a long term solution for waste transfer for RDC.
- 7.3 Unless and until agreement can be reached between NYCC and RDC, further progress with delivery of a transfer station at Kirbymisperton is being held in abeyance.
- 7.4 In the absence of such an agreement or acceptable alternative, RDC has been given notice that it will be required to deliver all residual domestic waste to Seamer Carr from 1 February 2018. The additional cost of this each year to RDC will be in excess of £0.5m due to the requirement for additional refuse vehicles, operating staff and running costs associated with travelling longer distances to Seamer.
- 7.5 Following work undertaken by officers at RDC it is estimated that the cost of transferring waste to two locations (Seamer and Harewood Whin) will be even higher than transferring all waste to Seamer Carr
- 7.6 The lead in time for a new WTS to be built in Ryedale is 12 months.
- 7.7 The resources to fund the agreement up to a maximum of £265k will be funded from £113k already included in the base revenue budget and the remainder up to a maximum of £152k pa will be a growth item on the 2018/19 revenue budget.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The following implications have been identified:

Financial

There are no new financial implications for 2017/18 on the basis that the Council approves the officer recommendations. If RDC is required to tip at Seamer Carr then there is likely to be a financial impact in 2017/18 as the Council will need to increase its vehicle fleet and staffing and will be required to start the new arrangements from 1st February 2018. There will be a revenue growth item of up to £152k for the 2018/19 revenue budget based on the officer recommendations..

Legal

The Council would be entering into a legal agreement with NYCC to ensure that the financial liability to the Council is limited to a maximum of £265k.

Other - There are no significant other implications arising from this report.

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