



PART A:	MATTERS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS
REPORT TO:	POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
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TITLE OF REPORT:	UPDATE ON INCREASING RECYCLING
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides an update to Elected Members following the release of the DEFRA Resources and Waste Strategy on 18 December 2018. It also highlights the need to consider the potential outcomes of other current work streams for consideration to inform future decision making to increase recycling in Ryedale.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 This report provides a summary of the main points included in the DEFRA Resources and Waste Strategy and information on other current work streams. Many of the proposed Strategy policies are subject to consultations that will determine either whether they will happen and/or the detail of how they might happen.
- 3.2 At this stage, there are many unknowns and work will continue to enable details of the potential impacts, options and cost implications to be presented for consideration by the Council to inform decision making to increase recycling performance in Ryedale.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 On 28 June 2018 a motion to Council was referred to Policy and Resources Committee which called to action an increase in recycling performance within a 2 year period and the introduction of an awareness campaign for residents to encourage more recycling (Minute Number 21).
- 4.2 An update on progress was presented to Policy and Resources Committee on 15 November 2018.
- 4.3 The new Resources and Waste Strategy is now a key consideration in developing options for increasing recycling in Ryedale.

5.0 REPORT

- 5.1 The Strategy is primarily concerned with improving the environmental impact of waste at home and globally. It seeks to support this ambition by embracing the concept of the circular economy to better manage waste and raw materials.
- 5.2 The Strategy contains significant changes in national waste policy that will have some fundamental impacts on local authority collection and disposal operations and the majority of consultations are expected to be concluded this year and the timescale for most implementations is by 2023- 25.
- 5.3 The Strategy has 8 chapters covering:
- Sustainable production
 - Helping consumers take more considered action
 - Recovering resources and managing waste
 - Tackling waste crime
 - Enough is enough: cutting down on food waste
 - Global Britain: international leadership
 - Research and innovation
 - Measuring progress: data, monitoring and evaluation
- 5.4 The Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee (LARAC) have issued a policy briefing document which is attached at Appendix 1 which summarises the main points.
- 5.5 The three main areas that will be consulted on in 2019 that affect LA collection authorities are:
- (i) Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
 - (ii) Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)
 - (iii) Collection Systems
- 5.6 Extended Producer Responsibility could see a shift in how LAs collection services are funded. Producers could bear the full net cost of managing their products at the end of their life. There is little detail on what 'full net costs' means, but the intention is that funding flows from producers to local authorities.
- 5.7 The Strategy is not clear on the detail of DRS, only that it should be national and cover single use drinks containers. This would presumably be predominantly plastic and glass bottles.
- 5.8 The ambition is to have consistent collections across all council areas and to preserve high quality materials. There will be consultation on which materials should comprise this 'core set' and which collection systems would be most effective at preserving the material quality of materials.
- 5.9 Consultation will also cover the requirement for weekly separate food waste collections for all households and applicable businesses to be in place by 2023.
- 5.10 Other considerations include whether households should have access to free garden waste collections, a review of two-tier working effectiveness and recycling credits for two tier cost sharing.
- 5.11 In addition to the many considerations included in the Strategy, there are implications

for Allerton Waste Recovery Park which are currently being investigated by NYCC.

5.12 NYCC have also commissioned an assessment and options appraisal exercise to help understand the potential benefits and costs of various collection systems for recyclables and food waste.

5.13 The purpose of this exercise is to understand

- whether a consistent collection system across North Yorkshire might provide benefits and what that system might look like
- the implications of food waste collection and whether the inclusion of food waste would change the outcome on the best way to collect recyclables
- potential impacts and risks associated with the sale of recycle

5.14 Officers are working across the YNYWMP to inform this modelling and detailed partnership options will be explored further.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The following implications have been identified:

a) Financial

The financial impact of the potential changes to waste collections is currently unknown but is expected to be significant.

b) Legal

None

c) Other (Equalities, Staffing, Planning, Health & Safety, Environmental, Crime & Disorder)

None

7.0 NEXT STEPS

7.1 There are a number of key action points which now need to be prioritised to enable a work plan of actions for delivery during 2019 to be drafted and presented to Elected Members for approval at the next meeting of Policy and Resources on 14 March 2019.

7.2 In addition, a longer term strategy will also be required once all the outcomes for the current work streams and associated cost implications are understood. Elected members will be kept fully informed of progress as further details become available.

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Background Papers:

The full Strategy can be seen here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/resources-and-waste-strategy-for-england>