

Agenda Item 8



LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

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SUBJECT :	Food Waste Trial
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A wide range of operational waste issues are being considered as part of the development of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, one of which is the potential for a countywide food waste collection and disposal service.

DISCUSSIONS

A proposal has been developed to undertake a food waste trial in selective locations within South Kesteven District Council, to cover urban, rural and semi-rural areas, totalling some 4733 properties.

This trial will be undertaken on behalf of the Partnership with an expected start in May 2018. This is complimented with a communications plan, disposal through the Grantham Waste Transfer Station and processing at a suitable Anaerobic Digestion facility. The County Council is covering all costs for this trial.

The results of the trial will help:

- Inform the Partnership in making decisions about future waste disposal options.
- Determine the service's impact on households' waste and recycling habits, especially contamination volumes of food and landfill waste.
- Understand the operational, financial and logistical implications of introducing a food waste service.
- Determine the case for rolling out a food waste collection service on a permanent basis, so the results of the trial will be closely monitored throughout. If the trial is successful with significant tonnages collected and

contamination levels reduced, this will also help to inform discussions within the Partnership.

The objectives of the trial are therefore to:

- Maximise participation of households in the trial area.
- Understand households' motivations for participating, or not participating, in the trial.
- Measure the amount of food waste collected and determining if there is any reduction in the recycling contamination.
- Determine the most effective messages and communications channels to be used.

The Partnership is therefore asked to consider this proposal at the 8th March meeting, so any concerns/thoughts can be raised and considered as part of the trial.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership is asked to recommend:

1. That the proposal for a food waste trial and communications strategy in South Kesteven is approved.
2. That the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership is regularly informed of progress throughout the year trial period.