

EXECUTIVE 5 MARCH 2019

ITEM 9: 2018/19 COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN QUARTER 3

On 28 February 2019, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board agreed to support the two recommendations in the report to the Executive.

Concern was raised by the Board regarding the order of reporting of the Council Business Plan. For Quarter 3, two scrutiny committees (Children and Young People, and Public Protection and Communities) had not met to consider the performance measures relating to their remits before the Board's meeting on 28 February and Executive on 5 March. All the measures that had underperformed this quarter related to issues outside of the Board's remit. It was noted however that if the Quarter 3 report had been put back to the 28 March meeting for the Board and the 2 April meeting for the Executive, then the data would have been out of date. It was suggested that a potential way forward was to ask officers for commentary only on the performance measures that were underperforming which may allow reports to be produced quicker and therefore potentially be provided to earlier meetings, but this would depend on the calendar of meetings as scrutiny committees meet every six weeks, and the Board and the Executive meet monthly. Officers agreed to look into options for how the order of reporting and the timing of scrutiny committees could be resolved going forward.

The Board received clarification and explanations on several points and the following are highlighted:

- Measure 114 (Percentage of completed safeguarding referrals where source of risk was a service provider) – Concerns were raised that 55.1% of referrals related to service providers who were the source of risk. The Chairman of Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee highlighted that this measure had been discontinued and revised for Quarter 4 and the 2019/20 Council Business Plan.
- Measure 78 (Household waste recycled) – Concerns were raised about the target not being met, resulting in more household waste ending up in landfill or possibly shipped abroad. It was highlighted that each District Council operated its household waste recycling differently and this would be looked at by the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership. Further information was requested on how much household waste Lincolnshire exports abroad (Response set out below).

Response from Nicole Hilton (Chief Community Engagement Officer)

So this is either a very short and quick answer, or a more complicated and in-depth answer.

Simple:

The waste market is a global one and only the Environment Agency has the regulatory powers to have an end-to-end audit. Once it leaves us, the duty and responsibility is that of the person responsible for receiving the waste. Having said that, there are certain assurances and responsibilities that we take.

Complicated:

The moment material leaves the WTSs (waste transfer stations) it is no longer Lincolnshire's waste. It has transferred into the world of waste processors, waste agents, and the whole aspect that this is a business and not a public service.

In terms of waste being shipped some of the non-recyclable/contamination that goes to Mid UK ends up in SRF (solid recovered fuel) some of which goes to be burnt in cement kilns in Latvia. Some goes to the power station at Radcliffe-on-Trent. In either case there is no cost to LCC.

Other wastes may get shipped overseas but again once the WTNs (waste transfer notes) have been completed that moves the waste into being the legal responsibility of the person receiving the waste. This is called Duty of Care and is regulated via section 34 of the EPA (Environmental Protection Act) 1990. The EA are the regulatory body for this, not LCC, but we do have a legal duty to comply with the requirements of the regulations that support section 34.

For reporting purposes on WDF (waste data flow – the national waste recording system that is mandatory for LAs) Mid UK are required by contract to advise us of the end destination for materials leaving their MRF (material reclamation facility). That is fine if it says glass going to GRUK or Shotton (UK glass re-processors) but some material goes to agents and beyond so that we do not know what happens to it. The waste market is a global one with material moving all over the place. Only the EA have the regulatory powers to pursue a beginning to end audit.