

# Meeting of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3

30 September 2024

## Response to Recommendation

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<b>Future Waste Services Options</b>			
<u>Recommendations:</u> The Committee discussed in detail the findings of a second commissioned report from Eunomia Research & Consulting Ltd (Eunomia) on future recycling and waste options from April 2025, following the two-year contract with Plan B Management Solutions which ends on 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026.			
1	<p>Following consideration of the report on the options for delivering Waste Service post 2026 Members felt that more investigation was still needed to provide further information on the LATCo. and In-house options, in particular more detail on the following including the impact and associated risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff recruitment;</li> <li>- Profit and loss to be expected;</li> <li>- Pay scales – protection of employees;</li> <li>- Commercial Waste and the Competitive market;</li> <li>- The IT system and the advantages and disadvantages of one system in place;</li> <li>- The control, challenge and flexibility of the options.</li> </ul> <p>Members expressed that more time was required to explore with local</p>	<p>The recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee, including the one year extension to Plan B's contract were included in the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Cabinet Report on the Future Waste Services.</p> <p>At this meeting, Cabinet agreed to progress with insourcing the waste services contract. So, all work is now focussed on that task with a delivery date of the inhouse waste service being implemented from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2026.</p> <p>The Cabinet did recognise the time pressures and risks associated with this work and delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Communities, to enter discussion with Plan B to extend the current contract in compliance with Contact Procedure Rules to allow enough time as a contingency, should it be required, for smooth transition and mobilisation of the future waste service model.</p>	<b>Partially Accepted</b>

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	<p>authorities closer to home that had followed one of these options, whether successfully or unsuccessfully, particularly the LATCo. option, as either option would be a big change for the Authority and a fully informed decision would be required.</p> <p><b>The Committee recommended that there be a year's extension to the current contract with Plan B, to allow more time for work to be done to really understand the LATCo and In-House options, the extent of risk and the full impact on resources.</b></p>		