

Item 11 – E.U. Waste Framework Directive

The attached report was considered by the Local Planning & Environment Advisory Committee, relevant minute extract below:

Local Planning & Environment Advisory Committee – 23 October 2014 (Minute 22)

The Chief Officer Environmental & Operational Services presented a report which provided an outline of the requirements of the England and Wales Waste Regulations 2011 (as Amended 2012), promoting high quality recycling. It summarised the methodology of the Waste Regulatory route map which had been accepted by the Environment Agency as an acceptable assessment to demonstrate compliance. An Independent Consultant had been engaged to undertake the assessment, and their findings were summarised together with conclusions reached. The conclusion reached was that, on the basis that the recommended actions, as outlined in the report, were implemented, the Council did not need to collect paper, card and plastic separately in order to promote high quality recycling. In response to a question the Chief Officer Environmental & Operational Services advised that it would cost considerably more to collect glass kerbside than the current arrangements. As previously reported to the Committee, Sainsburys had been looking at carrying out their own glass recycling at their stores but nothing had been implemented yet, and the Council's own glass recycling banks remained on site..

The Chairman endorsed the recommendation to Cabinet.

It was unanimously

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet, on the basis that if the recommended actions identified in the report were implemented, there was good evidence that the Council did not need to collect paper, card and plastic separately in order to promote high quality recycling.