



**Havering**  
LONDON BOROUGH

**ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**18 February 2021**

<b>Subject Heading:</b>	Recycling Future Ways
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<b>Policy context:</b>	Ensure Havering is kept clean and safe
<b>Financial summary:</b>	No financial implications within the context of this briefing, however potential future implications of changes in legislation.

**The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives**

Communities making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Places making Havering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connections making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>

**SUMMARY**

This report is to accompany the attached Powerpoint, to be presented to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The presentation covers:

- Havering's current position, including Covid-19 impacts on recycling and waste generation;
- The addition of more materials to the recycling stream and other methods of material capture for recycling;
- Upcoming legislation that may impact on waste collection in Havering;
- Future service planning

## RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the contents of the presentation in the context of current and future potential waste and recycling provision in Havering.

## REPORT DETAIL

Please see the attached Powerpoint presentation (Appendix A) for details. This will be presented to the Sub-Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> February.

## IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

### **Financial implications and risks:**

None at present. Future legislation may require additional materials to be collected, such as separate food waste collections. This may be covered by the New Burdens Doctrine, although no confirmation or detail has been provided yet, and further consultation is due to take place nationally.

The mooted introduction of Extended Producer Responsibility may have a positive financial impact on local authorities, but again no details are available yet. A deposit return scheme could potentially remove material from the household waste stream, resulting in lower tonnages. This would have the potential to impact on the tonnage-based ELWA levy, although with a 2-year delay.

Havering's waste collection contract with Serco has been extended for 2 years, and in the meantime a new procurement exercise will be undertaken, which will include appropriate service options, taking into account potential upcoming legislation.

### **Legal implications and risks:**

The Government's Environment Bill has been delayed until autumn, and consultation continues on a number of key issues within the Bill which were introduced in the 2019 Resources and Wastes Strategy, including mandated separate food waste collections and a core set of materials collected separately for recycling.

Havering will continue to engage with the East London Waste Authority on any legislative changes that may affect collection and disposal operations, and will review its collections accordingly and consider any changes where technically, economically and environmentally practicable to do so.

### **Human Resources implications and risks:**

There are no human resources implications associated with this report.

### **Equalities implications and risks:**

1.1. The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have due regard to:

- (i) The need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (ii) The need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;
- (iii) Foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

1.2. Note: 'Protected characteristics' are age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnerships, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment. The Council is committed to all of the above in the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and the employment of its workforce. In addition, the Council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

There are no equalities implications associated with this report. Any future service changes will consider equalities impacts accordingly.