

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WASTE TASK GROUP HELD AT THE
COUNCIL OFFICES, WIGSTON ON WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2015**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors: F S Broadley – Chair, G A Boulter, D M Carter, Ms M V Chamberlain, M H Charlesworth, J Kaufman, P Swift

Officers: Mrs A Court – Director of Services, B Kew- Operations Manager
Ms K Parkes – Recycling Co-Coordinator

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1.	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Councillors L Bentley</p>	
2.	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING ON 20 AUGUST 2014</u></p> <p>Approved</p>	
3.	<p><u>REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SCHEME</u></p> <p>The Director of Services introduced the report of the Chief Executive which set out the key elements relating to the implementation of the revised garden waste collection scheme which commenced on 16th February 2015.</p> <p>Members agreed that the implementation of an opt-in scheme, giving residents a choice as to how they wanted their green waste collected has been a success to date, with no complaints of any significance received by members or officers. Members passed on their thanks to the Operations Manager and the Recycling Co-Coordinator and their team for the efficient implementation of the scheme.</p> <p>Officers clarified some minor points of the scheme with members, such as life-span of the bins; process for residents obtaining additional bins and charges; why deliveries to sheltered schemes; the composting scheme is activated through Leicestershire County Council;</p>	BK/KP

	<p>Members requested for reminders be given to operatives on minor operational matters, such as the service to be provided under the “assist list;” to explore the re-introduction of a welcome pack for new residents to the borough to include information on refuse and recycling collections.</p> <p>The Director of Services acknowledged the late notification to allotment holders across the borough of the cessation of a green waste collection and that this was unfortunate.</p> <p>The Recycling Co-ordinator informed members that there had been no significant implications or complaints from the collection of garden waste being suspended from the beginning of December last year to mid-February of this year. After some discussion, Members requested that it be recommended to Policy Finance and Development committee that the period of suspension of green waste collection for this year is to be put back until mid –December and re-commence on 1st March 2016. Officers confirmed that a Christmas tree collection service will operate this year.</p> <p>Confirmation of the delivery timescale for the new refuse vehicles was given by the Operations Manager. Members views were sought on options for promotional advertising of recycling on vehicles and feedback was given.</p>	AC
	<p>The Director of Services sought the permission of the Chair to circulate a consultation document of Leicestershire County Council on proposed changes to recycling and household waste sites. The views of Members were obtained for the Director of Services to respond to by the closing date of 26 April 2015</p>	AC

The Meeting closed at 7.45 pm