



<b>Service Delivery Committee</b>	<b>Tuesday, 05 July 2016</b>	<b>Matter for Information</b>
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**Title: Operations Services Update**

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## 1. Introduction

This report covers progress and developments within the Operations Services setting out achievements and work in progress since March 2016 when activity was last reported.

## 2. Recommendations

That Members note the information provided within the report.

## 3. Waste & Recycling

3.1. As reported to this Committee earlier this year, in March, Leicestershire County Council (LCC) is proposing to stop paying recycling credit income to the districts. A response to the consultation exercise was submitted and it is expected LCC will make a final decision later this summer. LCC are proposing changes to the recycling credit scheme will be effective from April 2018. All Members have been invited to a Waste Seminar on 11 July where officers will give an overview of the position with waste and recycling collections.

3.2. The most up to date figures are set on in the table below:-

	<b>Residual Waste</b>	<b>Recycled Waste</b>	<b>Total Waste Collected</b>	<b>Waste per Household</b>	<b>Recycling %</b>
<b>Oct 14 - Dec 14</b>	2053.50	1563.97	3617.47	90.11	43.23
<b>Jan 15 - Mar 15</b>	1967.50	1592.78	3560.28	86.33	44.74
<b>Apr 15 - Jun 15</b>	1894.71	2179.17	4073.88	82.77	53.49
<b>Jul 15 - Sep 15</b>	1871.57	2357.27	4228.84	81.76	55.74
<b>Oct 15 - Dec 15</b>	2150.60	1733.32	3883.92	93.95	44.63

NB - Over the Christmas period waste tends to rise.

(The official national figures are always reported at least a quarter behind)

## 4. Current Market Rates for Recyclates

The most up to date figures are set out in the table below:-

	<b>Mar-16</b>	<b>Jun-16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The rates seem stable currently</li> <li>Steel took a drop at the end of the financial year due to Tata steel closing</li> <li>The outcome of the EU referendum may</li> </ul>
<b>Plastic</b>	£80/ton	£130/ton	
<b>Paper</b>	£72/ton	£83/ton	
<b>Card</b>	£60/ton	£70/ton	

<b>Aluminium</b>	£550/ton	£550/ton	have an effect on the rates depending on the outcome as although our paper and plastic is reprocessed in the UK a lot of it is sent to European countries.
<b>Steel</b>	£25/ton	£55/ton	

**5. Garden Waste**

Take up of garden waste bins at present stands at 14512 bins (64.5%). Requests are coming in at about 10 a day.

**6. Street Cleaning**

There are 30 transects across the Borough which are assessed on a monthly basis against the gradings of the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse, which range from Grade A-D (A being clean and D being unsatisfactory, as heavily littered. In April and May of this year, the assessment across the Borough for both litter and detritus ranged from Grade B- 77% and Grade A – 23%

3 new vehicles have recently been purchased for litter picking and emptying dog bins.

**7. Grounds Maintenance**

At the last meeting of this Committee , earlier this year, in March, it was agreed that an extra grass verges cut over and above the 6 cuts funded by LCC , could be carried out if necessary and funded through Greening of the Borough reserves. It is considered that the extra cut is necessary in view of the weather conditions that are being experienced.

Other works that have taken place over the past few months in readiness for Britain in Bloom judging on 6 July are summarised below:-

- Planted Summer bedding for Willow park / Council offices/ Blaby Road /Leicester Road /All Saints Church
- Working with Pride Of The Borough’s volunteer litter picking days on target areas
- Working with St Peters church with donation of summer bedding to regenerate Flower beds in Churchyard
- Regeneration of shrub beds at memorial park/ planting of trees and shrubs
- Regeneration of the sensory garden / new shrubs / plants
- Replenishing areas/Flower Beds with Daffodil Bulbs throughout the Borough
- Supporting the new Tree officer in his new role with accessing all our trees in the Borough, particularly with the assessment of Oadby Grange Country Park in readiness for the Council to take on the land under a lease.

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<b>Implications</b>	
<b>Financial [CR]</b>	No significant implications.
<b>Legal [AC]</b>	No significant implications.
<b>Risk [BK]</b>	CR1 Decreasing Financial Resources - In relation to waste collection. CR4 Reputation Damage - Failure to provide or reduce services.
<b>Equalities [BK]</b>	No significant implications.
	Equality Assessment
	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Full Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

