

## **a. Potential Closure of the Materials Recycling Centre (MRF)**

### **Potential Implementation from 2018**

### **Potential annual savings of £20,000**

#### **1. Present Situation**

As set out in Paper F of this report that considers the recycling collection service, Leicestershire County Council have stated that they intend to stop paying all districts recycling credits for recycling as well as redirecting where the councils dispose of the recycling they collect. This means that this Council will no longer be able to sell recyclates, which has over the last ten years been a major income stream for the Council. The loss of recycling credits is already build into the MTFs, but the final decision by the County Council was not concluded until September 2016 and the financial impact of their final decision is therefore not fully included in the latest version of the MTFs. A significant loss of income has already been taken into account in the MTFs. The closure of the MRF would therefore save the Council £20,000 per year by offsetting the annual running costs against the annual loss of income from sales.

#### **2. Options**

It should be noted that since the County Council will stop paying recycling credits and prevent the Council from selling its recycling then the operational reality is that the Council has no choice other than to close the MRF as there will be no income to offset any of the MRF's operating costs. The County Council's direction notice will come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. From the residents' perspective the service would not change other than that the public would be able to comingle all of their recyclables into one bag rather than have to separate them into two as they do at the moment.