

Waste Management Review

The comprehensive review of waste management is now underway and this will produce a new Waste Management Strategy with the aims of maintaining and improving customer satisfaction and increasing recycling tonnages. Core to ensuring the successful delivery of the Strategy will be the future collection methodology. The Strategy will also inform two key procurements to be completed during 2015; recycling collection vehicles and the new contract for the treatment of dry recyclables and both will need to be in place and up and running from the beginning of January 2016.

The Strategy is being developed through a process of engagement with Members and so far two workshops have been held. The first workshop took place on Tuesday, 16 September 2014 which considered the current collection systems and performance and started to explore alternative options that the Council might want to consider. On 4 November 2014 a second workshop took place which set out the initial results of the collection modelling. The outcome of the workshop was that two alternatives should be looked at in more detail; twin stream with separate glass collection and a fully co-mingled system. The modelling for these two alternatives will now be reviewed to assist with the decision on the future dry recyclates collection methodology for Hambleton. Both options will involve the collection of a broader range of recyclate (e.g. brown cardboard, mixed plastics and possibly tetrapaks).

A draft Strategy will go to Cabinet in January 2015 and the aim is to obtain final approval by April 2015.

New Local Planning Policy

There are several policy guidance notes related to the LDF Review which are currently out for consultation or will shortly be submitted to Cabinet for approval for consultation.

The Interim Policy Guidance Note on the Settlement Hierarchy is out for public consultation until 23 January. The Guidance Note has arisen from Members' and community aspirations for more flexibility with respect to development, particularly housing development, within smaller settlements. A key element of the guidance is permitting small scale development in villages currently without Development Limits where it would support communities economically, socially and environmentally and meet criteria to protect amenity.

The Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning SPD was out for consultation until 10 November. Consultees included Registered Provider partners, developers, the Homes and Communities Agency and Parish Councils. All responses will be reported back to Cabinet for consideration in January 2015.

A draft SPD on the Housing Size, Type and Tenure will be reported to Cabinet in February 2015. This will include new guidance on housing for older people such as seeking a proportion of bungalows in new housing developments.

Rural Housing Enabler Programme

The Council has agreed to continued participation in the North Yorkshire Rural Housing Enabler Programme up to March 2018. It has also agreed to continue to act as lead employer for the team of Rural Housing Enablers.

Providing affordable housing for Hambleton's communities is a key priority of the Council and the project has a good track record of delivering rural affordable homes. Since 2008 the Council's participation in the programme has helped deliver almost 200 much needed rural affordable homes and there are a good number of schemes and potential schemes in the pipeline.

In 2015 affordable homes will be delivered in Linton-on-Ouse, Hackforth and Hutton Rudby and there are currently schemes in development for Alne, Appleton Wiske, Brafferton and Helperby, Crakehall, Shipton, Tollerton and Hutton Rudby.

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