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**To: The Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)**

**Date: 19 December 2019**

**Subject:** Development of a Regional Materials Recycling Facility with Partnering Authorities

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## **1 Purpose of the Note**

- 1.1 To update Members of the Board on progress on the development of a regional materials recycling facility with partnering authorities.

## **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Boards (4) are recommended to:
- 1) Consider the information in the Cabinet and Council Report at Appendix A
  - 2) Note the progress made to date and the schedule at Appendix B
  - 3) Identify any additional recommendations for the Cabinet Member.

## **3 Background and Information**

- 3.1 At their meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Council approved the recommendations to support the development of a Materials Recycling Facility.
- 3.2 Coventry City Council currently pays c.£1.6million per year to the private sector for the treatment of recyclable material collected in Coventry (including haulage to the treatment facility in London and any recyclate value benefit). This cost has increased substantially over the last five years.
- 3.3 Evidence from recent procurement exercises in both Coventry and neighbouring authorities shows that this upward trend of cost is likely to continue with substantial rises as the private sector continues to move the risk of end market prices and legislation more and more to local authorities.
- 3.4 Therefore in 2017/18 a feasibility study was undertaken to consider the technical and economic viability of developing a Material Recycling Facility to serve Coventry City Council (CCC), neighbouring authorities, and commercial businesses across the region. This study indicated a positive business case, subject to more detailed information.
- 3.5 A detailed Business Case has been developed to determine the viability of a Materials Recycling Facility. This Business case has concluded that a facility with a capacity of 120,000 – 175,000 tonnes would be commercially viable. CCC currently collects c.24,000 tonnes of recyclable waste per annum.

3.6 More information can be found in Appendix A attached.

Appendix A – Cabinet and Council Report - Proposed Development of a Regional  
Materials Recycling Facility with Partnering Authorities

Appendix B - Programme

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