

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives:	Priority 2 – Enhance the quality of people's lives
Consultation:	<p>There has been no external public consultation as part of this review. Public satisfaction for waste collection services is captured as part of the biannual resident's survey and is generally high. Officers have consulted with the Herts Waste Partnership and the County Council on options that have implications for them and other Hertfordshire authorities on specific initiatives for comparative purposes.</p> <p>The County Council has asked that it be noted that under the Herts Waste Partnership Agreement all partners have agreed to the joint objective not taking actions that result in an increase in the amount of waste collected. Introducing resident's capacity for organic waste, for example, by offering additional bins at a charge could be incompatible with this objective if it generated significant levels of additional waste that were not already in the waste stream.</p>
Legal:	There are no specific legal implications from this report. Waste services is a highly regulated area and local authorities must ensure that the collection of waste meets EU and UK legislative requirements for the materials collected, quality of recyclables and procurement regulations. These matters will be addressed as part of the procurement process and included as a requirement of the successful contractor.
Financial:	There are no specific financial implications for this report. However, Ess Ref C indicates the range of revenue and capital implications from the options considered.
Human Resource:	There are none for this report

<p>Risk Management:</p>	<p>There are no specific risks associated with this report. Material prices for recyclables are highly volatile and have been falling in recent years. Accordingly, in calculating costs and income it has been assumed that there are no financial benefits from sales when recycling levels change. Indicative changes in income from Recycling Credits (a statutory payment received from the County Council) have been included. Implications on income from the Herts Waste Partnership 'Alternative Financial Model' (non-statutory payments from the County Council) have not been included due to their volatility and future uncertainty.</p> <p>Costs of options are indicative only and actual costs are subject to tender prices and the extent to which residents take up chargeable services.</p>
<p>Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:</p>	<p>There are none for this report.</p>