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Title	CONSULTATION ON GOVERNMENT WASTE STRATEGY		

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide members with information on the Government's Waste Strategy and consultation documents.

2. **INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Government's Waste Strategy "Our Waste, Our Resources, A Strategy for England" was published in December 2018. The strategy sets out how we will minimise waste, promote resource efficiency and move towards a circular economy. It proposed significant changes in waste policy which have the potential to impact local authorities; however these are subject to further consultation.

3. **CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT**

- 3.1 Following publication of the Government's Waste Strategy, four consultation documents were published by DEFRA on 18 February 2019. These are:
- Consistency in Household & Business Recycling
 - Introducing a Deposit Return Scheme in England, Wales & Northern Ireland
 - Reforming the Packaging Producer Responsibility System
 - Plastic Packaging Tax

Response dates for all consultations are the 12th or 13th May 2019.

- 3.2 A presentation on the details of the consultation document will be delivered to members at the meeting, seeking their views on how the Shared Street Scene Service should respond.

4. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Until the outcome of the consultation documents are known, the policy implications are unknown.

5. **FINANCE AND HR RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Until the outcome of the consultations are known the financial implications are unknown. However the Government has indicated throughout the documents that new costs arising from policies implemented from these consultations will

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be resourced including upfront transition and ongoing operational costs. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has announced an inquiry into the impact on local authorities and invited written submissions into the financial implications.

6. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no legal implications at this time.

7. **RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 That Members consider their response to the key issues raised in the consultation documents as detailed in the presentation.

Background Papers:

Previous Reports/Minutes: