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ENVIRONMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
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ENERGY RECOVERY FACILITY UPDATE

1 Purpose of Briefing note

- 1.1 To provide an update on the Energy Recovery Facility being built at Four Ashes, South Staffordshire.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the revised date of 4 November 2013 for the commencement of phased deliveries of residual waste collected by the Council to the Four Ashes Energy Recovery Facility is noted.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 As a result of issues with the electrical connections the commencement of the phased delivery of residual waste to the Four Ashes Energy Recovery Facility has been reprogrammed.
- 3.2 This will now commence on 4 November 2013 rather than 21 October 2013. At this stage the plans for the facility to become fully operational in December 2013 are unaffected.

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 The service aim to “increase the reuse and recycling of waste” forms part of the Environment Portfolio section of the agreed 2013-14 “Place” Priority Delivery Plan.

5 Detail

- 5.1 The Environment Policy Development Committee on 22 August 2013 received an update on the Energy Recovery Facility which is being built at the Four Ashes Industrial Estate in South Staffordshire.

- 5.2 The Council will be required to dispose of its residual household waste and trade collections at this new facility and it was reported that phased deliveries were programmed to commence during the week commencing 21 October 2013.
- 5.3 Issues with the electrical connections to the national grid have, however, delayed the completion of the facility and as a result phased deliveries will not commence until 4 November 2013. The plans for the facility to become fully operational in December 2013 are, at this stage, unaffected.
- 5.4 As previously reported the change in disposal arrangements have a number of operational implications for the Council's waste collection services and these continue to be addressed as details of the procedures for waste delivery to the Energy Recovery Facility continue to become available.