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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 commissioning of the Energy Recovery Facility at Four Ashes, South Staffordshire.

**2 Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the current position regarding the disposal of waste collected by the Council at the Four Ashes Energy Recovery Facility is noted.
- 2.2 That arrangements are made for the Environment Policy Development Committee to visit the Four Ashes Energy Recovery Facility during the 2014-15 Municipal Year.

**3 Key Issues**

- 3.1 The Four Ashes Energy Recovery Facility became fully operational on 31 January 2014 and the Council now dispose of all residual household and trade collection waste at the site.
- 3.2 The Recovery Facility contractors, Veolia, will be establishing a programme of visits during the summer and it is proposed that arrangements are made for the Environment Policy Development Committee to visit the facility during the new Municipal Year.

**4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities**

- 4.1 The provision of waste collection services which encourage recycling is a service aim within the Environment Portfolio Section of the agreed 2014-15 "Place" Priority Delivery Plan.

**5 Detail**

- 5.1 The Environment Policy Development Committee on 22 August 2013, 24 October 2013 and 22 January 2014 received updates on the Energy Recovery Facility which was (then) being built at the Four Ashes Industrial Estate in South Staffordshire.
- 5.2 The facility became fully operational on 31 January 2014 and the Council now dispose of all residual household and trade collection waste at the Four Ashes site.
- 5.3 Whilst some issues have arisen regarding vehicle delays prior to waste unloading, action is being undertaken to “streamline” the disposal process, with a view to reducing the occasional problems which have been experienced.
- 5.4 The contractors of the Energy Recovery Facility, Veolia, will be establishing a programme of visits to the Four Ashes site during the summer. It is therefore proposed that arrangements are made for the Environment Policy Development Committee to visit the facility during the new municipal year.

**Background Papers**