

**Waste Credit Governance Committee**  
**20 October 2014****4. WASTE CREDIT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE**

<b>Recommendation</b>	<p>1. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services recommends that:</p> <p>a) the Terms of Reference for the Waste Credit Governance Committee as set out in the attached Appendix be noted; and</p> <p>b) meetings be held approximately every other month during the construction phase of the Energy from Waste plant, and less frequently thereafter.</p>
<b>Introduction</b>	<p>2. At the meeting of Council on 15 May, Council agreed to the establishment of a Waste Credit Governance Committee to have oversight of the actions of the Council acting as lender to the waste project and its waste contractor Mercia Waste Management Ltd (Mercia). The Terms of Reference as agreed by Council are set out in the Appendix.</p> <p>3. The establishment of the Committee was intended to underline the separation between the Council's two roles as lender and as waste disposal authority. The Cabinet, not the Committee, would remain responsible for decisions in respect of the operation of the waste contract or any waste disposal authority executive functions. The Cabinet would have no supervisory or other responsibility for the Committee.</p> <p>4. The Committee will be advised by external financial and legal advisers on behalf of the Council's s151 officer and will also seek advice as appropriate from the Council's statutory officers including the Council's Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer.</p>
<b>Membership</b>	<p>5. Council has agreed that Mr W P Gretton would be appointed Chairman and Mr L C R Mallett as Vice-Chairman. Council also agreed that the Committee would be cross-party with 9 members established in accordance with the legal requirements of political balance and would not include any members of Cabinet.</p>
<b>Frequency of meetings</b>	<p>6. At the meeting of Council on 15 May, it was reported that meetings of this Committee would be anticipated to be held approximately every other month during the construction phase of the Energy from Waste plant, and less frequently thereafter. It is therefore proposed that meetings of the Committee be</p>

## **Supporting Information**

arranged on this basis.

- Appendix - Waste Credit Governance Committee Terms of Reference

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## **Background Papers**

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to this report:

Agenda papers and Minutes of Council on 15 May 2014