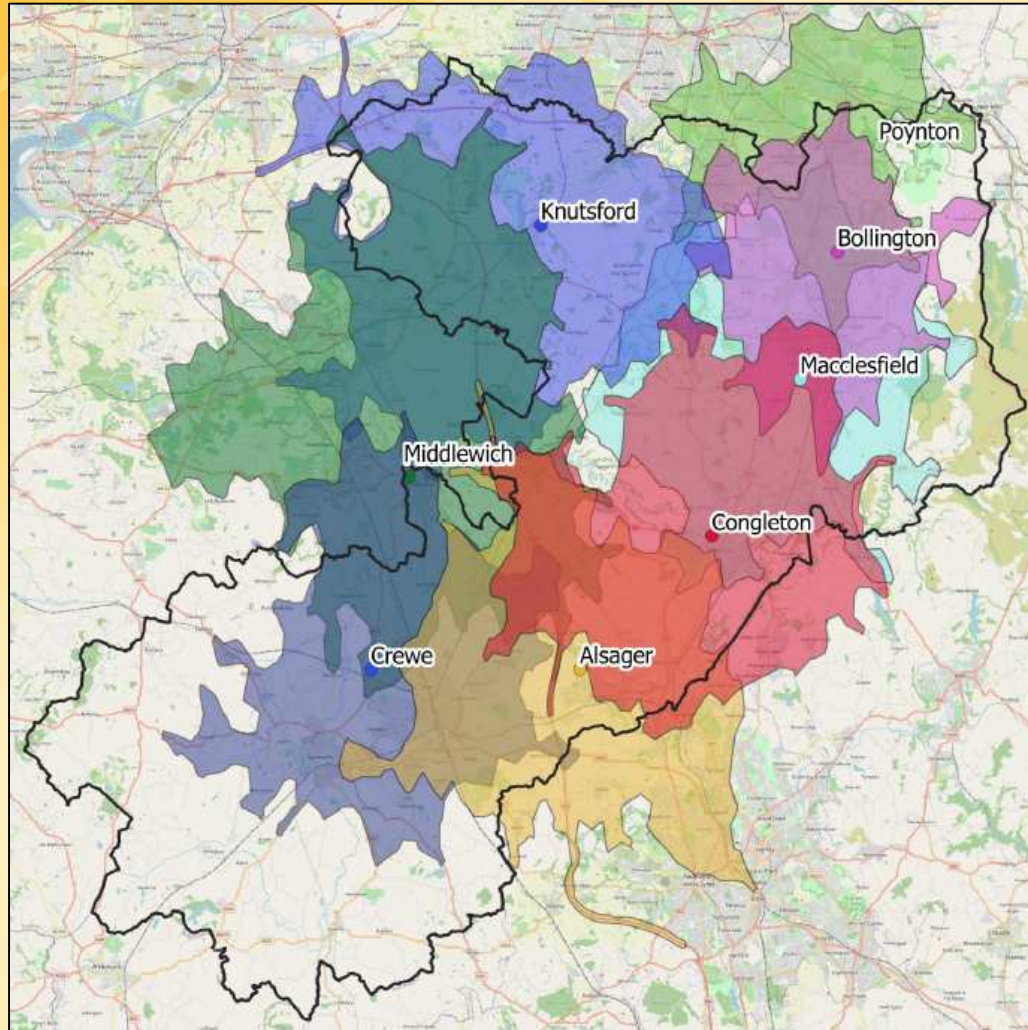


Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Household waste recycling centre New contract service provision February 2021

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Background



- Eight sites
- Run by HW Martin since 2008
- Approx. 20% of waste collected at sites and banks 80% at kerbside
- Contract ending March 2023

Strategy and Review

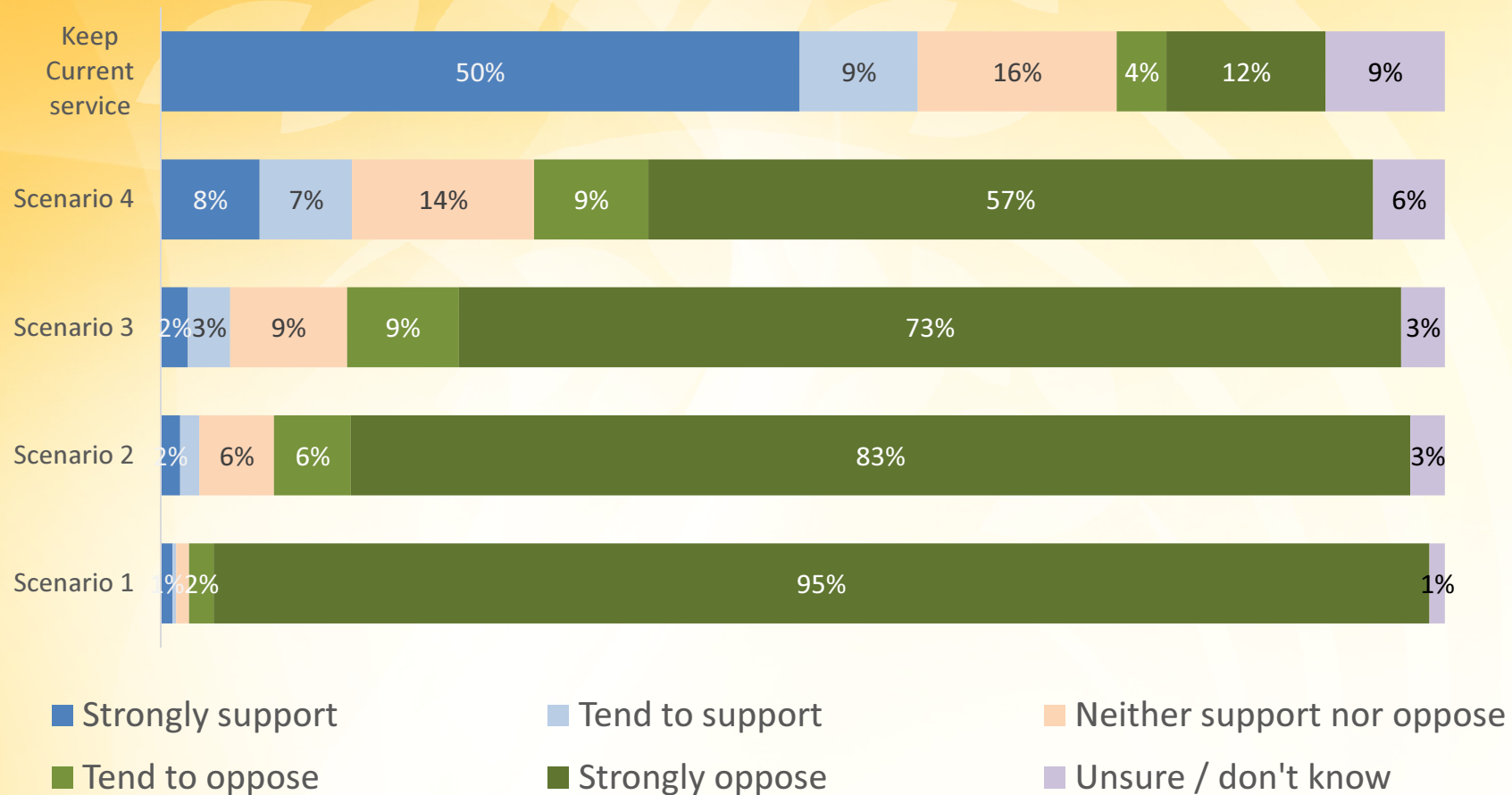
- The Municipal Waste Strategy sets out the aims and objectives for the management of waste within the borough
- An extensive review of the efficiency of the Household Waste Recycling Centres service in 2016.
- In order to prepare for the end of the contract the Council commissioned a further review in 2020 to:
 - Review the existing service, comparing it with neighbouring and similar authorities
 - Review the wider waste management market to examine existing contracts and delivery arrangements
 - Model a range of scenarios for the future shape of the household waste recycling centre contract.

Strategy and Review

- The Waste and Resources Action Partnership (WRAP) recommended that the distribution of centres
 - Be at 50,000 households per HWRC or less
 - Be at 120,000 residents per HWRC or less
 - Enable driving times to HWRCs to be up to 20 mins for the great majority
- In Cheshire East, the current provision equates to:
 - 24,000 households per HWRC
 - 47,600 residents per HWRC
 - 98% of households can reach a site within 20 minutes in normal traffic.
- In 2018-19 Cheshire East was positioned 14th highest from 345 authorities in England for waste per household

Consultation responses

How strongly do you support or oppose each option being considered



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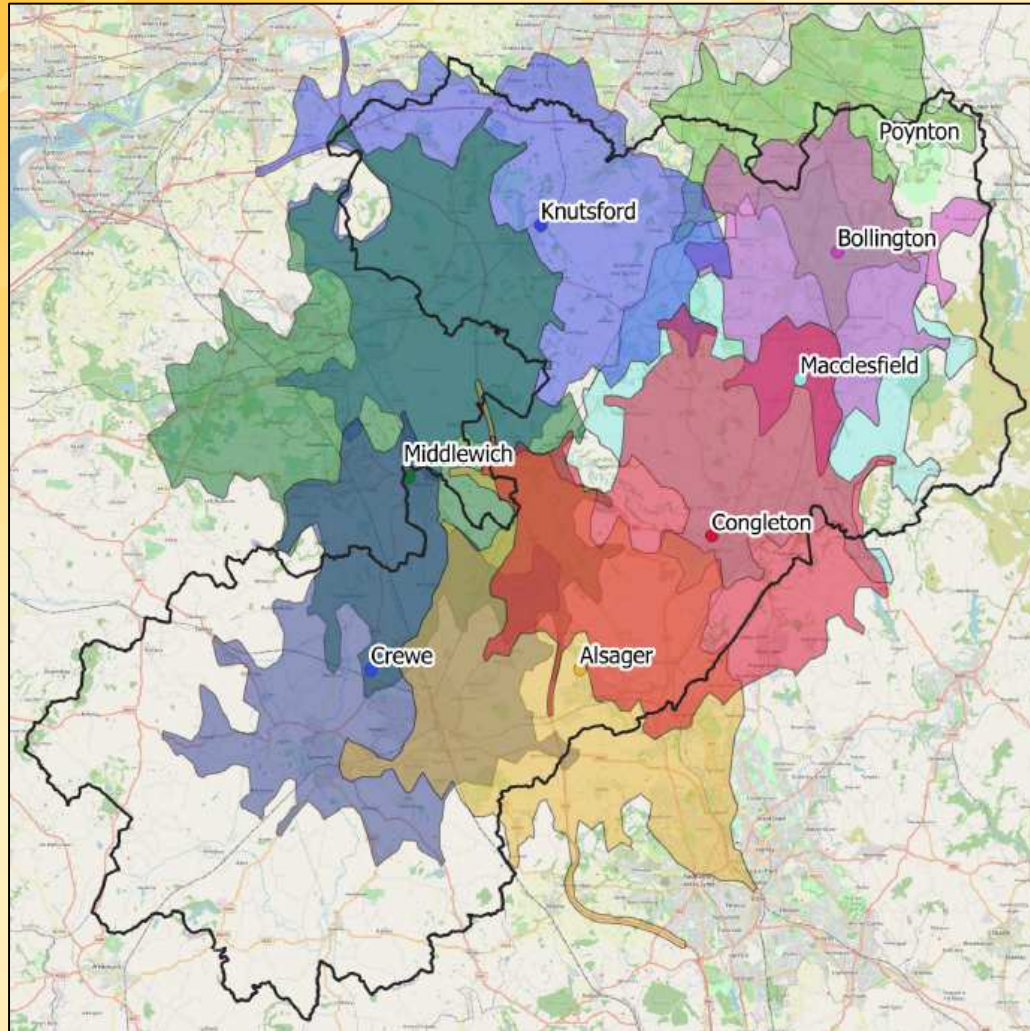
Recommendations

- A new contract for the delivery of the Household Waste Recycling Centre service in the borough will need to be commissioned by the end of March 2023. It is anticipated that the cost of the new contract will increase significantly owing to volatility in the market for recyclables.
- Furthermore, keeping the current pattern of service provision will require the council to fund the capital costs associated with replacing the current facility in Congleton.
- Number of centres is generous compared with national guidance

Recommendations

- The lease for the current Household Waste Recycling Centre in Congleton expires in 2021. Not delivering a new facility in Congleton would deliver a reduction in the future running cost of the HWRC service and so partly mitigate the anticipated increased cost of the new contract. Furthermore, it would avoid the cost associated with repaying the capital investment required to deliver a new facility at Congleton which is estimated to be £250k per annum.
- An Environmental Impact Assessment is currently underway to building on the Existing strategic Assessment of the waste strategy.

Recommendations



- Propose to not replace Congleton Household Waste Recycling Centre at the end of the current lease in Sept 2021.
- The nearest alternative sites would be in Alsager and Macclesfield.
- Once procurement undertaken, may need to consider further site closures.