

**WARDS:**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.**

**DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CENTRAL DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2003**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT**

**Agreement with Wolverhampton Council - Joint Provision of Household Waste Site - Anchor Lane**

### **Background**

A question was received at the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2003 Committee from Mr B Cotterill, asking for an update on negotiations for the continued use of Anchor Lane Household Waste Site by Dudley residents.

### **Comments**

Wolverhampton had decided to introduce a £3 per visit charge for non-residents from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2003. This proposal has not gone ahead subject to an agreement between the two Councils on the joint provision of Anchor Lane Site in the future. This will allow Dudley residents to continue to use the site, free from having to pay an individual charge.

Once authorised, Dudley will make a contribution to the site's operational costs for the remainder of the current financial year. During this period an independent survey will be undertaken to identify the source and nature of household waste entering the site. It is proposed that a specialist waste management consultancy be engaged to undertake this work, with the cost borne equally by the two Councils as part of the agreement.

The outcome of the survey will be used as the basis of any further apportionment and reconciliation of costs between the two Councils. The mechanism and timing of this and further surveys will be the subject of further discussions and agreement between the two Councils.

This agreement will also facilitate future joint working across the Black Country on strategic waste management issues.

### **Proposal**

That the Area Committee note the progress that is being made in negotiating a mutually acceptable agreement with Wolverhampton City Council.

## **Background Papers**

1. Draft decision sheet to be signed by the Lead Member for the Environment.

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