

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1 JULY 2014

ITEM 6 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR D DE LACY TO COUNCILLOR A V SMITH MBE

“The County Council have taken a decision to reduce or remove some recycling credits to District and Borough Councils with effect from April 2015. If this decision is implemented it will have a substantial detrimental impact on the finances of North West Leics District Council. I understand this could mean a loss in income of between £200,000 and £250,000.

Could the Portfolio Holder confirm this is the case and what is this Council doing to oppose the implementation of this measure?”

RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR A V SMITH MBE

“The District Council is aware through the County Council’s budget report (19 February 2014) and through Leicestershire Waste Partnership meetings that the County Council are seeking efficiency savings through a revised payment mechanism on Recycling Credits. The savings are profiled as £1,480,000 in 2015/16, £1,665,000 in 2016/17 and £1,850,000 in 2017/18.

The District Council received £625,000 in recycling credits from the County Council in 2013/14 this comprised £269,000 from the collection of garden waste tonnage and £356,000 from the collection of (paper, card, plastics, glass and cans).

The District Council has not yet received any formal notification from the County Council on its proposals for achieving their targeted savings through a revised payment mechanism. However, the District Council is working with other District and Borough Councils and is seeking legal advice in order to consider its position in advance of any formal notification of changes to current arrangements”.