

Environment Portfolio: Overview & Scrutiny - 13 July 2017	
Current key projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Waste Collection Contract: Following the award of the Joint Contract work is focusing on stabilising the services after its challenging mobilisation. • The ongoing review and refresh of a key licensing policies and procedures.
Key achievements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Contract working arrangements: The Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) that sets out a governance framework to jointly manage and develop waste services in the joint contract areas has been signed. This included the formation of a Joint Committee and senior Contract Partnering Board. • Establishment of new joint contract management team (Joint Waste Solutions): At the start of the year the waste teams in each authority transferred to a single team (hosted by Surrey Heath Borough Council) under a new Director to manage and oversee the set-up and delivery of the joint contract in all areas. • Recycling Levels: There has been a sustained increase in recycling levels due to campaigns to increase food waste recycling, and an increase in subscriptions for garden waste bin collections. • Licensing Act 2003, statement of licensing policy now out for public consultation.
Key challenges:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Waste Levels: Waste generation in Elmbridge remains relatively high. • Joint Working Waste: Increased partnership working on waste issues and polices in Surrey is necessary to avoid and mitigate future waste management cost increases.
Areas for action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste Collection Services: The Priority is to continue to drive service improvement and stability, and to meet performance expectations. • Air Quality: An action plan is required, working with other agencies, to make a tangible positive impact on air quality in Elmbridge, and to contribute to regional actions. • Community Protection Measures: The effective application of recent legislation to address appropriate acts of anti-social behaviour, for example neighbourly noise annoyance.
Forward planning and next projects etc:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling Improvements: A range of initiatives are planned for improved recycling services including a weekly textiles collection services. • Pest Control: To consider the requirement and delivery model for the Council to provide a pest control service. • Land Quality: Work is progressing on the modelling and investigation at sites possibly contaminated by former industrial processes.