

**(i) Urgent Cabinet Decision – November 2023
Re. Simpler Recycling**

Decision taken:

To submit consultation responses to Defra. The responses have been developed in conjunction with Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), Waste Resource Action Programme (WRAP), Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE), Chartered Institute of Waste management (CIWM) and The Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee (LARAC).

The reason why this decision was urgent and could not be reasonably deferred was:

Responses must be submitted to Defra by Monday 20th November, and this decision is therefore unable to wait for the next meeting on Cabinet (scheduled 13th December). Urgency is requested to progress this matter and secure a way forward.

**(i) Urgent Cabinet Decision – December 2023
Re. East Lancashire Paper Mill**

Decision taken:

An urgent decision was required to pursue the immediate disposal of the ELPM site to Homes England. This will involve Homes England buying out the council earlier which will;

- enable the council to secure a capital receipt in this financial year;
- safeguard the capital receipt from any future financial liabilities connected to the land dowry, condition of the river wall and uncertainty on incoming future homes standard – all of which could result in a future price reduction.
- enable the council to exit from the tri-partite agreement for lease which is expected to be varied post the reserved matters planning application in November.
- release officer time and capacity to work on other brownfield projects on the Accelerated Land Disposal Programme and generate further income to the council.

This approval was to agree the need for an urgent decision to instruct the heads of terms, which will include a thorough assessment of the legal implications in advance.

The reason why this decision was urgent and could not be reasonably deferred was:

- Avoid the council incurring expenditure on legal fees, time and resource associated with varying the Tri-partite Agreement for lease (via a deed of variation) with Homes England and Morris Homes; scheduled for December.
- Bring forward a capital receipt of £3.045m earlier and thus provide beneficial short-term financial impact within this financial year.