

**Joint Waste Management Board 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
**Agenda item 8; Statement on Garden Waste Recycling Credits**

Following several meetings of Officers level and 3 further meetings at Directors level, with attendance from all councils involved, the below statement details the outcomes of the discussions;

*The WDA position is that savings of c£2m pa will be required for the WDA from 2019/20 onwards. These are to come from the WCAs and ideally these savings should be achieved in 19/20 but if we were able to reach a collaborative agreement then the savings could be spread over two years (2019/20 & 2020/21).*

*As a consequence of the above, the WCA's position is that there is general agreement, at senior officer level, subject to political approval, that a consensus could be achieved to provide the WDA with a saving c£2m pa if the timetable could be extended to 4 years. The timeline would commence on 1 April 2019 and in order to assist the required WDA savings target, no inflation/contractual uplift would be applied to the GWRC for 4 years (2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 & 2022/23). This together with a phased reduction of GWRC (yet to be determined) could achieve the required WDA c£2m saving. Inflation uplift to the GWRC would need to be re-introduced from 2023/24. Special arrangements for Staffordshire Moorlands Council will need to be considered due to food and green waste being collected together.*

*The senior officers at both the WDA and WCA's agree that work needs to commence to fully understand existing individual partners communication budgets and a joint plan needs to be implemented in 2018/19 to ensure that communication on behavioural change is best in class to drive up recycling rates and minimise waste in Staffordshire. Senior officers believe that this should be a key area of focus for the JWMB in the future.*

Following political discussion at JWMB on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March, the outcome is expected to be presented to Chief Executives and Leaders at their meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> April.