

## **Audit Wales**

### **Waste Procurement Review: letter issued October 2021**

#### Management Response

Waste management would like to thank Audit Wales for working with us over the last year on “live” projects. This is a new way for us working with Audit Wales and allowed us to review and hopefully improve outcomes as part of the process rather than in a purely reflective way at post-project stage.

We also welcome the Audit Wales report and appreciate the observations and feedback within. We recognise that reflective reviews are equally important and will build on this feedback to make further improvements going forward.

With regard to an overarching strategy, Wales has set itself ambitious and challenging targets and Welsh Government have set out how these targets can be achieved. These strategic aims are captured in Towards Zero Waste and supported by detailed service delivery methodology through The Collections Blueprint. As part of the Welsh Government funding for recycling services there is a commitment by all local authorities to work towards improving recycling and move towards zero waste. Our aims and objectives are mirrored in the Welsh Government Strategies and we have always felt that this is sufficient in detail to provide MCC with an overarching strategic direction. When delivered in conjunction with Members and line with the Corporate Plan, Climate Change and Nature Emergency Plan and Service Plans it provides a localised solution but we will review the need for a MCC Waste Strategy in light of Audit Wales findings.