

Meeting	Domestic Waste Recycling Task Group
Date	2 June 2014
Present	Councillor Healey
Apologies	Councillor Orrell

1. Declarations of Interest

The Member was asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests which he might have had in respect of the business on the agenda. None were declared.

2. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of 13 May 2013 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

4. Domestic Waste Recycling Report

A report on the Domestic Waste Recycling Scrutiny Review was received.

The Member noted that the participation rates across the test area and control area were based on observation and number of boxes collected.

During discussion of the report, it was requested that the test and control of tonnage monitoring be carried out again in order to evidence whether the campaign work had led to any sustainable increase in participation rates. Officers agreed to repeat the test in late June/early July 2014 and report back on the findings.

The Member also agreed it would be useful if people could collect food waste as it was a highly visible way to notice how much food they were wasting. However, Officers confirmed that it would be expensive to put on additional collection rounds and provide separate containers for this type of waste.

It was noted that every tonne of waste diverted from landfill saved £300.

The Scrutiny Officer suggested that Officers provide figures from the additional tests to Members via email.

In considering the costs associated with the campaign work, it was requested that staff time be included in the expenditure breakdown. The figures for the control area tonnage monitoring in April 2014 were also requested. It was noted that the intention was for the Draft Final Report of the Domestic Waste Recycling Task Group to be presented to the Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee in September.

Resolved: (i) That the report be noted.

(ii) That the requested figures be circulated to Members of the Task Group.

Reason: In order that Members are kept up to date with the evidence gathered during the review, and the work on the review be concluded before September 2014.

Councillor Healey, Chair
[The meeting started at 2.10 pm and finished at 2.35 pm].