
**Meeting of Executive Member for
Neighbourhood Services and Advisory Panel**

19th March 2008

Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

**Response to petition from the residents of various locations
across the City, presented at Council on 29th November 2007**

Summary

1. This report has been prepared in response to a petition presented to Council by Councillor Gunnell calling for the extension of recycling to all terraced areas of the City and to all developments of flats to ensure that people living in these properties receive the entitlement to recycling services as other parts of the City.

Background

2. Eighty signatures to the petition were received from various streets and wards across the City.
3. The Household Waste Recycling Act requires the council to collect at least two materials from all households by December 2010. Currently households with kerbside recycling are offered paper & card; plastic bottles; metal cans/drinks containers and mixed coloured glass collections.
4. The Executive agreed on 9th October 2007, that a trial recycling scheme be implemented in the Groves area in 2008. It was also agreed that the implementation plan would be shared with Members. This was considered at the Neighbourhood Services EMAP on 21st January 2008.

The Trial

5. The report to the Executive identified issues such as vehicle and general access in addition to container provision and storage, which would need to be resolved. A minimum of 6 months trial was anticipated with substantial householder liaison.
6. The trial will provide the basis for methods of kerbside collections of recycling to all households. There is no expectation that a "one size fits all" service approach will be right for all circumstances as there are simply too many variables. The Groves trial will however provide a sound basis for planning

implementation of the Executive decision to fully rollout recycling in remaining areas from 2009.

7. The council provides, bags and /or boxes for recyclables. In smaller terrace properties, external storage may be the norm, so containers will need to be water and vermin proof. It is also proposed to trial a "recycling station" which was featured in the report presented to the Neighbourhood Services EMAP.

Consultation

8. Given the number of different types of property, types of refuse containment and vehicle constraints, the range of participation rates and the effort required to successfully communicate with residents, it is proposed to undertake several small mini-trials in the Groves area to determine which options work best.
9. Before delivery commences:
 - All households taking part in the trial will receive leaflets that offer full information regarding the proposed arrangements;
 - Ward councillors will be offered personal briefings;
 - York customer contact centre staff will be provided with copies of the publicity and given guidance on answering queries;
 - Press releases would inform the public in general and other Groves area residents in particular that localised changes are taking place to some collection arrangements;
 - A presentation will be given to the Groves residents association

Options

10. Report for note only.

Analysis

11. Surveys of participation rates and weights of each type of recyclate will be undertaken to determine the optimum collection containment method and the vehicles needed for the eventual rollout.

Corporate Priorities

12. This work is specifically relevant to the following Corporate Priority:

Decrease the tonnage of biodegradable waste and recyclable products going to landfill.

Implications

13. **Financial** – No implications in this report
14. **Human Resources (HR)** – No implications in this report
15. **Equalities** – No implications in this report
16. **Legal** - No implications in this report
17. **Crime and Disorder** – No implications in this report
18. **Information Technology (IT)** – No implications in this report
19. **Property** – No implications in this report.

Risk Management

20. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no risks identified from this report.

Recommendations

21. That the Advisory Panel advise the Executive Member to note this report.
22. Reason: In response to the petition.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

Waste Management Strategy 2007/2008 – 2013/2014 – Executive 9th October 2007.

Groves Recycling Pilot – Delivery Plan - Neighbourhood Services EMAP 21st January 2008.

Annexes – None