

**Update on Implementation of Recommendations from Previously  
Completed Domestic Waste & Recycling Scrutiny Review**

**Summary**

1. This report provides Members with their first update on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the previously completed Domestic waste & Recycling scrutiny review, and asks Members to sign off any recommendations now considered to be fully implemented.

**Background**

2. In June 2012 the Community Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee met to consider a number of possible topics for scrutiny review during the 2012/13 municipal year. They also received information on a number of planned service reviews by Directorates for areas within the committee's remit, which included:
  - The rationalisation of waste rounds (including consideration of a move away from the policy on same day waste collection arrangements)
  - Policies at household waste sites
  - Green waste collection
  - Commercial waste/recycling/incinerator
3. Discussion took place regarding a proposed topic on commercial waste. Officers provided information as to why commercial waste income targets were not being achieved and the charging structure, together with an update on the waste incinerator plan and the alternative arrangements that might be put in place depending on the outcome of an ongoing planning application.
4. In view of the planned service review of commercial waste, the Committee agreed that it would not be appropriate to carry out a scrutiny review on that topic at that time. However, they agreed there were

aspects of domestic recycling that merited review e.g. the disparity between rates of recycling within different parts of the community and comparisons with other local authorities.

5. At a meeting in July 2012, the Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered an associated scrutiny topic submitted by Cllr Healey on Domestic Waste Recycling.
6. In coming to a decision to review the topic, the Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee set up a Task Group to carry out the review on their behalf and agreed the following remit:

Remit - To identify future improvements in CYC's working methods in order to increase domestic waste recycling

#### Key Objectives:

- i. To consider best practice from exemplar Local Authorities including incentive schemes
  - ii. To consider the views of CYC waste operatives
  - iii. To gather evidence on the effectiveness of the initiatives scheduled for this financial year.
7. The review was completed in September 2014 and the review final report was presented to Cabinet in October 2014. At that time Cabinet approved all of the recommendations arising from the review, as listed in Column 1 of Annex A.
  8. Officers have now provided the first update on the implementation of those approved recommendations – see Column 2 of Annex A, and will be in attendance at this meeting to answer any questions arising.

#### **Options**

9. In light of the update information provided, Members may choose to:
  - a. Sign off any recommendations which have been fully implemented.
  - b. Request a further update on any recommendations outstanding, and the attendance of the relevant officer at a future scrutiny meeting in six months time.

#### **Council Plan 2011-15**

10. The Domestic Waste & Recycling Scrutiny Review supported the Council's priority to Protect the Environment i.e. the Council's aim to be

one of the best performing areas in the country for waste services; producing less waste overall and re-using, recycling and composting more household waste.

### **Implications & Risk Management**

11. There are no known implications or risks associated with the recommendations made in this report.

### **Recommendations**

12. Members are recommended to:
- i. Note the implementation update information detailed in Annex A and sign off any recommendations that have been fully implemented.
  - ii. Request that a further update on any recommendations outstanding be provided in January 2016 (if required).

Reason: To raise awareness of those recommendations which are still to be fully implemented.

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**Wards Affected:**

**All**

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**Background Papers:** None

**Annexes:**

Annex A – Update on Domestic Waste and Recycling Review Recommendations