
**Decision Session - Executive Member for
Neighbourhoods**

17 November 2009

Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

**Kerbside Recycling & Alternate Week Collection Expansion -
Petitions**

Summary

1. This report updates the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods on consultation with residents following the receipt of three petitions about revised recycling and residual waste collection arrangements in the Groves area of the city.

Background

2. Three petitions were received on 6 July 2009 from residents in Neville Street and Stanley Street. Two of the petitions were from residents opposed to storing wheeled bins in front forecourts and with a preference to continue with sack collections. The third petition was from residents opposed to wheeled bins being stored in front forecourts of properties on the opposite side of the street. Further details about the petitions are included in Annex A to this report.
3. The Executive Member for Neighbourhoods was advised about the receipt of the petitions at the Decision Session meeting held on 15 September 2009. At the meeting it was resolved that the planned roll out of revised recycling and residual waste collection arrangements across the city should continue whilst further consultation with residents was carried out. Any lessons learned from the consultation should be incorporated into the roll out programme.
4. Officers were requested to bring back a further report to the Executive Member on the outcome of the consultation in the petition area.

Update

5. Recycling and residual waste collections in the petition area have continued to be monitored following the three petitions being reported to the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods Decision Session on 15 September 2009. The service has continued to be delivered with very few problems.
6. Consultation has been carried out with residents in each of the streets subject to the petitions through door knocking and speaking to residents directly. A

meeting has also been held with those who organised the completion and submission of the three petitions.

7. The planned roll out of the revised recycling and residual waste collections has continued in other parts of the city with service expansion being targeted at flats and communal properties.

Consultation

8. Consultation carried out with residents in Neville Street and Stanley Street through door knocking indicates that many residents have generally accepted wheeled bins with some finding them easy to use. This acceptance of using wheeled bins is bolstered by the fact that almost 40% of the bins have house numbers on them identifying ownership. The aesthetics of storing wheeled bins in the front forecourt of properties is still however the major negative comment. The survey results are summarised in Annex A to this report and provided in more detail in confidential Annex B to this report.
9. On 13 October 2009 a meeting was held with those who organised the completion and submission of the three petitions. The main points discussed at the meeting were presentation of bins for collection, returning bins to collection point, Central Collection Points, hybrid collection system, student / larger houses and aesthetics of bins in front forecourts. Whilst a number of items were discussed the aesthetics of bins in front forecourts was still the most significant issue for those who organised the petition.

Service Expansion & Development

10. The main factor behind the petitions was the aesthetics of storing wheeled bins in front forecourts of terraced properties. The service, however, is operating well with few problems and the survey work indicates that many residents have generally accepted wheeled bins.
11. It is therefore proposed that the current service and the roll out of kerbside recycling and alternate week collection should continue on the basis of front of property collection of recycling boxes and wheeled bins at terraced properties with front forecourts.
12. The opportunity for setting up Central Collection Points in terraced areas will continue to be investigated. These operations can be very expensive to set up, however, and any development would have to be managed within existing budgets.
13. In terms of other issues raised during the consultation process we will continue to monitor residual and recycling collections following revised arrangements coming into place and advise residents who present bins and/or recycling boxes at the wrong collection points. Collection crews will also be advised about returning bins and boxes to the correct place. Further work also needs to be carried out at student properties so that waste storage and collection systems can be improved.

Corporate Priorities

14. The Without Walls Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2025 will provide a sustainable framework which will aim for York to be a city with low levels of pollution and waste production and high levels of recycling. The rollout of kerbside recycling and alternate week collection throughout the city will make a significant contribution to fulfilling this aim.
15. This work contributes strongly to the corporate strategy direction statement of placing environmental sustainability at the heart of everything we do.
16. The rollout of kerbside recycling and alternate week collections throughout the city is an important factor in the delivery of the corporate priority of decreasing the tonnage of biodegradable waste and recyclable products being sent to landfill for disposal.
17. This work also contributes to delivering the aims of the Corporate Sustainability Strategy by reducing York's CO2 emissions, increasing recycling and managing waste to the best practice standards.

Implications

18. Implications of the rollout of kerbside recycling and alternate week collections are:

Financial - Members have approved the budget for the city wide expansion of kerbside recycling and alternate week collections.

Human Resources (HR) - There are no implications in this report.

Equalities - A strategic equality impact review has been undertaken following the corporate model.

Legal - There are no legal implications.

Crime and Disorder - There are no implications in this report.

Information Technology (IT) - There are no implications in this report.

Property - There are no implications in this report.

Risk Management

19. The risks associated with this report are already contained in the Magique Risk Register for Environmental Services.

Recommendations

20. Members are asked to consider and approve the service expansion and development proposals outlined in paragraphs 10 to 13.

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All

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Background Papers:

- 'Waste Management Strategy 2007/8 to 2013/14' Executive Report, October 2007.
- 'Waste Management Strategy 2008/2014 - Refresh' Executive Report, September 2008.
- 'Kerbside Recycling: City Wide Expansion 2009 - 2010' Executive Report, 12 May 2009.
- 'Kerbside Recycling & Alternate Week Collection Expansion - Petitions' Executive Member for Neighbourhoods Decision Session Report, 15 September 2009.