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***Decision Session - Executive Member for  
Neighbourhoods***

***15 September 2009***

Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

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

**Summary**

1. This report advises the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services of the receipt of three petitions from residents in the Groves area of the city and recommends how to respond to them

**Background**

2. Three petitions were received at 11.10am on Monday, 6 July 2009. The details of the petitions are:
  - i. Neville Street (43 properties) - 32 signatures representing 25 properties on Neville Street, 2 properties on Haxby Road and 1 property on Vyner Street. Residents are opposed to storing unsightly wheeled bins in front forecourts and would prefer to continue with sack collections. Wheeled bins were delivered prior to receipt of the petition.
  - ii. Stanley Street (16 properties - odd numbers) - 8 signatures representing 7 properties. Residents are opposed to storing unsightly wheeled bins in front forecourts and would prefer to continue with sack collections. Wheeled bins were delivered prior to receipt of the petition.
  - iii. Stanley Street (14 properties - even numbers) - 8 signatures representing 8 properties. These properties already use wheeled bins but these are stored at the rear and collected from the back lane. Residents in these properties, however, are opposed to unsightly wheeled bins being stored in front forecourts of properties on the opposite side of Stanley Street (odd numbers).

## **Update**

3. The changes to recycling and residual waste collections in the petition areas have had a mostly positive impact. Wheeled bins have generally been placed neatly at the front of properties for collection. Pavements have not been obstructed with wheeled bins as is sometimes the case with piles of refuse sacks blocking footpaths.
4. Prior to the revised collections there was some question over parked cars posing an potential obstruction. This has not, however, proved to be a significant issue. Also moving to wheeled bins has made the collections quicker in some streets.
5. Predictably there have been some problems with side waste and over filled bins as residents are still adapting to managing their waste over a fortnightly period. But the reduction of sacks on the pavement massively reduced the amount of litter on the streets.

## **Consultation**

6. Further consultation will be undertaken with residents in the petition areas during September once the new collections have had time to settle and the students have returned into the area. This consultation will take the form of 'door knocking' and speaking to residents directly.

## **Options**

7. The following options can be considered in response to the petitions:
8. **Option 1**
9. Continue to monitor residual and recycling collections following revised arrangements coming into place and advise residents who present bins and/or recycling boxes at wrong collection points.
10. Continue with the revised service in the petition areas and gather and analyse the information from the consultation. In the meantime continue with the planned roll out across the city. Any 'lessons learnt' from the consultation will be incorporated into the roll out programme.
11. Bring back a further report to the Executive Member on the outcome of the consultation in the petition area.
12. **Option 2**
13. To acknowledge the petition, but to continue the scheduled roll out to the remainder of the City then revisit the petition area on completion of the roll out.

14. Advise residents, supplied with wheeled bins, that they should continue to use them until the area can be revisited.

## **Corporate Priorities**

15. 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.
16. This work contributes strongly to the corporate strategy direction statement of placing environmental sustainability at the heart of everything we do.
17. 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.
18. 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**

19. 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

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

## Recommendations

21. The Executive Member is asked to consider and approve the option 1 indicated in paragraphs 8 to 10 above.
22. Reason: to ensure the issues in the trial area can be addressed in preparation for the roll out to the remainder of the City.

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**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

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.

