

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....5th October 2006

1. Title of Item/Report

Waste Management Update

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet was reminded that, at its meeting held on 11th August 2005, it had approved 16 recommendations coming from a review of wastes management undertaken by the Environment and Regeneration Select Committee.

Cabinet considered a report that provided further information arising from those recommendations in terms of a progress report on their implementation, implications of the policy changes, consultation regime being adopted and also budget implications.

With regard to one of the recommendations relating to estimating the impact of a wheeled bin only collection policy, it was explained that Officers had completed a full analysis of the amount of side waste across the Borough.. The results indicate that on an average day around 30% of properties had side waste – this figure remained consistent even where those properties were utilising the kerbside recycling collection scheme and the green waste service. This was because a significant proportion of side waste was made up of plastic and cardboard. This was back up by analysis and consultations with Redcar & Cleveland Council. Until those items were collected via an extended kerbside recycling collection service, a wheeled bin only collection policy should not be introduced as it would be likely to generate significant problems in relation to service complaints and enforcement. To enable to plan for this possibility a trial of the kerbside collection of cardboard and plastic was recommended to gauge response and aid planning, should such a service be rolled out Borough wide.

Members were provided with National and Regional recycling performance figures and information that would help put those figures into context.

RESOLVED that

1. the report and the progress on the implementation of the Recommendations approved by Cabinet on 11th August 2005 be noted

2. the commencement of a recycling trial of collection of Cardboard and Plastic from approximately 12,000 properties within the borough over a 9 month period be endorsed. A subsequent analysis and report to be taken back to Environment and Regeneration Select Committee following the trial period looking at the operational methodology, the financial implications and the environmental effects of Stockton's kerbside recycling activities.

3. the National and Regional context of waste management in terms of recycling performance be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

(i) Update on the review of wastes management.

(ii) To enable further development of waste collection services and the improvement of recycling performance.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

None

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

By no later than midnight on Friday 13th October 2006

Proper Officer  
09 October 2006