

Environment Select Committee

Review Title: Waste Management and Recycling

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<p>1. Which of our strategic corporate objectives does this topic address?</p> <p>Liveability – Make Stockton a cleaner, greener place to live and work and visit Liveability – Tackle climate change and improve the quality and security of the environment for current and future generations Organisational and Operational Effectiveness – Improve operational efficiency</p>	
<p>2. What are the main issues?</p> <p>Changing legislation and national waste policy The need to improve recycling rates for less cost whilst maintaining/improving customer satisfaction rates Heightened environmental awareness amongst residents leading to increased demand for waste recycling options</p>	
<p>3. The Thematic Select Committee’s overall aim/ objectives in doing this work is:</p> <p>To achieve real improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of waste collection and disposal services and to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill sites, whilst maintaining/improving customer satisfaction in the service</p>	
<p>4. The possible outputs/outcomes are:</p> <p>An updated and clear waste collection policy for household waste in the borough An updated and clear waste disposal policy for household waste in the borough Changes to operational practices in household waste collection and disposal Waste Management implementation plan to deliver the Tees Valley Joint Waste Management Strategy in Stockton.</p>	
<p>5. What specific value can scrutiny add to this topic?</p> <p>Detailed and expert scrutiny of new and developing national policy and detailed evaluation of the views and opinions of Stockton residents to inform future policy and an implementation plan to deliver the Joint Waste Strategy.</p>	

6. Who will the panel be trying to influence as part of their work?

Stockton residents, Cabinet, Council, neighbouring councils

7. Duration of enquiry?

6 months

8. What category does the review fall into?

Policy Review



Policy Development



External Partnership

Performance Management

Holding Executive to Account

9. Extra Resources needed? Would the investigation benefit from the co-option of an “expert” witness?

No – but expert witnesses will be called to give evidence throughout the review.

10. What information do we need?

Secondary Information (background information, existing reports, legislation, central government documents, etc.)

Primary/new evidence/information

Waste Strategy for England 2007

Additional Arups environmental impact analysis of waste collection and disposal activities in Stockton

Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland & Stockton-on-Tees Borough Councils Joint Waste Management Strategy – September 2007

Financial analysis of current and project costs of service.

Initial Arups environmental impact report of waste collection and disposal activities in Stockton.

Customer satisfaction data

BVPI data and viewpoint findings

Relevant Equality Impact Assessments

2004 Select Committee report on waste management and recycling and related follow-up position paper.

Summary of current Heat from Waste contract.

Analysis of other Beacon council approaches.

Who can provide us with further relevant evidence? (Cabinet Member/portfolio holder, officer, service user, general public, expert witness, etc.)

Dr Andrew Craig

What specific areas do we want them to cover when they give evidence?

Possibility for partnership working
Possible development of sub regional waste treatment plant

DEFRA Waste Strategy representative

Objectives of National Waste Strategy

Jamie McCann – Head of direct Services

Operational possibilities / restrictions
Cost of service, future budgetary constraints

Sue Daniels – Head of Performance & Business Services

Performance against national and local targets

Arups consultants

Explanation of environmental impact analysis

Mike Chicken – Environment Policy Manager

National perspective policy direction and outlook

11. What processes can we use to feed into the review? (site visits/observations, face-to-face questioning, telephones survey, written questionnaire, etc.)

Viewpoint focus groups

On line and paper based survey for all residents

All Member Survey

12. In what ways can we involve the public and at what stages? (consider whole range of consultative mechanisms, local committees and local ward mechanisms)

Briefing for press at start of the review

Stockton News article

Survey on web-site and paper based survey advertised by a sticker on waste/ recycling bins

All member survey

13. Diversity – How will we address the six strands of diversity (age, disability, faith and belief, gender, race, and sexual orientation) in order to uphold the Council's Single Equality Scheme?

Consideration of Equality Impact Assessments for the Services

Consultation with Disability Advisory Group Consultation and with Over 50s Forum – Issues regarding assisted collections and collections from flats/ sheltered accommodation

Viewpoint Focus Groups

Need to consider whether there are any issues regarding collections after religious festivals.

Project Plan

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KEY TASK	DETAILS/ACTIVITIES	DATE	RESPONSIBILITY
Scoping of Review	Information gathering	Oct 2007 – 7/11/2007	Scrutiny Officer Link Officer
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss aims and objectives of review	7 November 2007	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Corporate Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Agree Project Plan	Scope and Project Plan agreed by Committee	19 November 2007	Select Committee
Publicity of Review	Press Briefing at start of review	19 November 2007	Chair, Link Officer, Press Officer Scrutiny Officer

Obtaining Evidence	DEFRA Waste Strategy Team Dr Andrew Craig	19 Dec 07	Select Committee
	Visit to Beacon Council (Easington)	14 Jan 08	
	Jamie McCann – Head of Direct Services Sue Daniels – Head of Performance and Business Services	11 Feb 08	
	Mid Review Tri Partite Meeting	15 Feb 2008	
	Arups Consultants Mike Chicken - Environment Policy Manager	25 Feb 08	
Members decide recommendations and findings	Review summary of findings and formulate draft recommendations	5 March 2008	Select Committee
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss finding of review and draft recommendations	6 March 2008	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Corporate Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Circulate Draft Report to Stakeholders	Circulation of Report	March 2008	Scrutiny Officer
Final Agreement of Report	Approval of final report by Committee	26 March 2008	Select Committee
Consideration of Report by Executive Scrutiny Committee	Consideration of report	29 April (Provisional)	Executive Scrutiny Committee
Report to Cabinet/Approving Body	Presentation of final report with recommendations for approval to Cabinet	8 May 08 (Provisional)	Cabinet/ Approving Body

