

## **Environment Select Committee**

### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 2 August 2011**

#### **Review of Care for Your Area Services Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)**

The Committee met on 18 July and received a presentation regarding the development of Care for Your Area as a service, its current performance and how it compares with other Local Authorities performance, and a summary of financial data for the service. The Committee also considered the base line information for the following areas within the review:

- Cowpen and Yarm Road Depots
- Grounds Maintenance
- Kerbside Recycling
- Public Conveniences
- Refuse Collection
- Street Cleansing
- Urban Parks
- Markets Management
- Vehicle Maintenance

Members requested a breakdown of how labour and vehicles from the green waste service is utilised during periods of reduced tonnages and data on how much rent other Local Authorities charge for allotments.

The next meeting will be held on 12 September, at which Members will receive a breakdown of efficiency savings that could be achieved, and the impact of these on the service. The review is projected to report to Cabinet in February 2012.

#### **Review of Waste Management**

The Committee also considered the scope for the Officer Led Gateway Review of Waste Management on 18 July. This will review the management of the disposal of household and commercial waste in the borough. Members were informed that the service was part of a 20 year Joint Tees Valley Waste Management Agreement which was currently in Year 11 therefore transformation of the service was unlikely in the short to medium term. However there are strategic decisions to be taken over the next few years which could lead to transformation and have financial implication for Tees Valley local authorities for the next 20 + years.

Base line information and options are due to be presented to the Committee on 12 September.