

## Progress Update - Scrutiny Review of Kerbside Waste

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1	A consultation exercise is carried out across a statistically relevant proportion of Stockton Borough residents from all areas of the Borough to determine views on kerbside recycling and, more importantly, to understand how residents can further contribute and support increasing recycling participation rates in the future.	An initial consultation exercise is currently being carried out through the Council's website with results expected in the New Year.	A greater understanding about the drivers associated with recycling participation from residents within the Borough. This may enable us to inform future service delivery to result in greater participation levels.	Craig Willows and Jamie McCann	Early 2017
2	To undertake a further piece of work which assesses the suitability of Stockton Borough Council's current recycling receptacles to determine whether improvements would encourage greater participation in the future, whilst ensuring that the current collection method of separating at source remains to comply with EU legislation and maximises the benefits of increased recycling.	Officers have tested the market to establish whether there are any other receptacles which would provide greater convenience to our residents whilst also ensuring that we can continue to deliver high levels of recyclable material with little or no contamination. We have worked with our supplier of recycling bags to produce a trial bag which could be used for plastic, cardboard and cans along with a separate compartment for paper and junk mail. Members will be given the opportunity to trial this new bag within their individual wards.	Members will be asked to gauge public opinion on the bags by being issued with approx. 30 bags each which can be given to selected residents within their ward for user testing. Views can be collated and discussed at a future Place Committee meeting.	Craig Willows and Jamie McCann	Complete
3	A full analysis of cost is carried out based upon the current collection arrangements, including financial impact of household growth as well as a review of potential cost savings	Costs for the current collection and disposal arrangements have been shared with Members as part of the review process. It is anticipated that costs will continue to increase in line	Reduced cost of delivering services to residents in the Borough	Craig Willows and Jamie McCann	Ongoing

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	associated with a change in waste and recycling collection arrangements, which support improved recycling participation.	new properties being occupied. It is proposed that a more detailed piece of work is undertaken following any decision to consider alternative collection arrangements.			
4	Stockton Council actively promotes and informs residents of the benefits that can be achieved from recycling based upon existing collection methods in order to educate and provide an impetus to increase recycling rates in the borough.	We have been working with colleagues in the Communications Team to encourage greater recycling participation through ongoing messages on the website, press releases and in Stockton News. This will follow as part of a coordinated campaign throughout this year and into 2017-2018.	An increase in awareness of the various recycling options available to our residents.	Craig Willows and Jamie McCann	Ongoing
5	To consider whether any additional support should be established alongside any change in collection methods which would encourage greater participation e.g. waste awareness and education campaigns.	A review of recycling support, awareness and education to increase recycling participation has been considered and would ideally be aligned to a consideration of the way in which current collection arrangements are being delivered. The cost of a 1 year campaign encompassing canvassing and engagement in schools and residents groups is likely to be in the region of circa £60k per annum which would need to be considered within the MTFP.	An increase in awareness of the various recycling options available to our residents.	Craig Willows and Jamie McCann	Ongoing

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6	That a review of the current green waste collection service and alternative collection arrangements is undertaken, which will also include how to reduce the level of green waste presented in residual waste bins.	Based on comments received by Members following the Place Committee process, Officers have already revised the start and finish times of the green waste service to a more appropriate timeline which balances the needs of residents within the current 26 week collection window. The arrangements where collection start after Easter each year will discontinue to be replaced with collections which commence in mid-April and conclude in October. Any change to collection provision for green waste would need to be aligned with the MTFP and a review of other waste collection arrangements.	A revision to current arrangements which allows residents to dispose of green waste at busier times of the growing season. In the longer term, a review of current provision which will see waste reduced from the wheeled bin.	Craig Willows and Jamie McCann	Ongoing