

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. | Craig Willows and Jamie McCann | Early 2017 | An initial consultation exercise is currently being carried out through the Council's website with results expected in the New Year. | A basic consultation question was included online asking for resident's opinions on kerbside recycling. There were several comments posted although not which identified any potential service improvements | 1 |
| 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 | Craig Willows and Jamie McCann | Complete | 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 | New bags will be made available as part of a natural move to the new style of bag once current supplies are exhausted. Feedback from Members was limited although operational staff were positive. | 1 |

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| | of increased recycling. | | | 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. | | |
| 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 associated with a change in waste and recycling collection arrangements, which support improved recycling participation. | Craig Willows and Jamie McCann | Ongoing | 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 new properties being occupied. It is proposed that a more detailed piece of work is undertaken following any decision to consider alternative collection arrangements. | No further work required as this was completed as part of the initial review as current costs are in line with existing collection arrangements for waste and recycling. | 1 |
| 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 | Craig Willows and Jamie McCann | Ongoing | 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 | Updates featured regularly during 2016 within Stockton News and via the Council's website. | 1 |

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| | the borough. | | | coordinated campaign throughout this year and into 2017-2018. | | |
| 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. | Craig Willows and Jamie McCann | Ongoing | 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. | No further work required as any canvassing campaign would have limited impact without future consideration of changes to collection provision. | 1 |
| 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. | Craig Willows and Jamie McCann | Ongoing | 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 | Collection dates have been changed to commence mid-April which will pick up a greater level of green waste within the growing season. There are no proposals to extend the collection | 1 |

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| | | | | 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. | window beyond 26 weeks due to increased costs. | |

Assessment of progress:

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| 1 | Achieved (Fully) |
| 2 | On Track but not yet due for completion |
| 3 | Slipped |
| 4 | Not Achieved |