



## **RESPONSE TO WASTE SERVICES SCRUTINY**

**Councillor Pervaz Khan, Executive Member for Streetscene Services**

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### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to respond to the recommendations made by the Environment Scrutiny Panel in respect of the review of waste services.

### **BACKGROUND AND EXTERNAL CONSULTATION**

2. Scrutiny have taken an initial look at proposals that are presently being developed in regard of the modernisation of waste services within Middlesbrough. They have made seven recommendations. The Environment Department has examined these recommendations and would support their implementation. The recommendations are:
  - a) That the Executive notes that, owing to the timescale associated with completion of the Executive Director of Environment's review of Waste Services, this report has been produced on an interim basis.
  - b) That the Executive Director of Environment's finalised proposals on the review, including alternative options available, are considered by the Environment Scrutiny Panel prior to submission to the Executive.
  - c) That any future proposals to alter waste services operations - for example any changes deemed necessary to increase recycling levels - are submitted to the scrutiny panel for consideration and comment.
  - d) That regular monitoring reports on the Council's recycling targets and rates are submitted to the Environment Scrutiny Panel, together with details of work being done to maximise public participation, particularly in areas where low returns are currently achieved.
  - e) That arrangements are made to ensure that, wherever practicable, street cleansing takes place after refuse collection and not before.

- f) That, subject to revised refuse collection rounds being implemented and working effectively, the Council's 'no side waste' policy is reaffirmed and appropriately publicised and enforced.
- g) That further representations are made at a national level to the effect that recycled materials from the Energy From Waste Incinerator should be included in Council recycling targets.

3. The associated action plan can be found in appendix 1.

## **FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND WARD IMPLICATIONS**

- 4. The recommendations do not have an associated financial cost.
- 5. When implemented the outcomes of the waste review will have an implication for all wards in Middlesbrough.

## **SCRUTINY CONSULTATION – This is optional**

- 6. This report is a result of a scrutiny investigation.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7. That the Executive support the action plan found in appendix 1.

## **REASONS**

- 8. Scrutiny has presented a range of recommendations following its investigation. These recommendations are supported by the Environment Department.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 9. Environment Scrutiny Panels report into the Waste Service Review.

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