

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	PROPOSED ACTION	BY WHOM	BUDGET COST	TIMESCALE
1. That, following the introduction of the Council's new recycling contract in April 2010, the Environment Scrutiny Panel monitors recycling levels and, considers what action, if any, is needed to further increase levels.	A six month review of the new recycling contract will take place and the results be reported to the Environment Scrutiny Panel.	Ken Sherwood	N/A	October 2010
2. That the Council continues to press, at a national level, for the inclusion of recyclable materials from the energy from waste plant in recycling levels.	Continued pressure will be put to Government through the Tees Valley Joint Waste Management Group.	Ken Sherwood	N/A	Ongoing
3. That the Environment Scrutiny Panel's 2006 recommendation relating to recycling from Council buildings is revisited, with such recycling being further developed and encouraged.	<p>Expand the role of Ayresome Industries in the Council's recycling operation, which is currently restricted to a limited number of buildings</p> <p>Progress the alignment of the Mouchel and Council trade waste contracts into a single operation, with a requirement for increased recycling performance from Council offices and public buildings</p>	Ken Sherwood	No Known at this point.	October 2010
4. That the Environment Scrutiny Panel is consulted in respect of the exercise to review Middlesbrough's recycling "bring sites."	The Environment Scrutiny Panel will be consulted on the proposals for Bring sites along with the six monthly review of the recycling contract.	Ken Sherwood	N/A	October 2010
5. That an awareness campaign is undertaken in relation to the issue of	Using the results of the survey of packaging and the investigations	John Wells	N/A	December 2010

<p>packaging reduction. This should highlight the importance of this issue in reducing overall waste levels and the part that the public can play in bringing pressure to bear on producers to use less packaging.</p>	<p>currently underway, a pre-Christmas campaign will be launched. This will aim to educate consumers to turn away from over-packaged gift products.</p>			
<p>6. That the Council lobbies relevant national bodies in pressing producers and retailers to reduce the amount of packaging that they produce and in pressing the Government to consider how sources of waste other than household/domestic can be reduced.</p>	<p>Representation will be made via Local Authorities Co-ordination on Regulatory Services (LACoRS) to use the results of current investigations to inform national debate and contact producers representatives e.g. INCPEN. (Industry Council for Packaging and the Environment)</p>	<p>John Wells</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Jan 2011</p>
<p>7. That representations are also made to Government to strengthen the powers available to trading standards authorities to take action in respect of excessive packaging.</p>	<p>When the current investigations are concluded an Executive report will be produced summarising the findings and highlighting any legislative deficiencies. Members will be asked to approve suggestions to Government to remove these deficiencies.</p>	<p>John Wells</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Jan 2011</p>