

## DECISIONS OF CABINET

8 July 2008

ITEM	RECOMMENDATION(S)	DECISION
1.	<p>Recycling – Integrated Waste Management Strategy Improvement Plan</p> <p>(a) The Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee makes the following recommendations to the Cabinet in respect of the Integrated Waste Management Strategy:</p> <p>(i) The Committee endorses the Integrated Waste Management Strategy and recommends the Cabinet to approve the strategy and action plan.</p> <p>(ii) The Committee is of the view that Cabinet should urgently implement the strategy and action plan as early as possible in view of the challenging timeframe to deliver the new service by April 2009.</p> <p>(iii) The Committee is of the view that doing nothing is not an option and, irrespective of questions surrounding potential efficiency savings that are required, the Cabinet should implement the strategy which will deliver long-term savings and the most environmentally favourable solution for recycling and waste minimisation in the Borough</p> <p>(iv) The Committee is of the view that Cabinet should continue to pursue a partnership approach with neighbouring authorities wherever possible in order to</p>	<p>(a) That the Integrated Waste Management Strategy be approved.</p> <p>(b) That the Council continue to pursue the partnership approach.</p> <p>(c) That a project Board be established, the composition of which should include officers, Council Members and a member of the workforce with an initial meeting to be held during August.</p> <p>(d) That a dedicated Project Officer be appointed as soon as possible to oversee the project with a budget of up to £150,000 to be met from existing budgets.</p> <p>(e) That the officers be authorised to carry out additional work on the costs of the project.</p> <p>(f) That the Communications Strategy be approved.</p> <p>(g) That the Recycling and Performance Working Group continue to provide an input into future developments.</p> <p>(h) That the risk assessment on the project be updated.</p>

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	<p>achieve efficiencies and that good practice from comparable authorities is considered whilst implementing the strategy and action plan.</p> <p>(v) That Cabinet commence a clear two way consultation process with employees in Waste Services on the proposed changes to the service. The Committee is of the view that it is imperative that employees in the Recycling and Waste Service are fully informed and have the opportunity to feedback their views on the proposed changes.</p> <p>(vi) That a plain English explanation of the proposed new service be communicated to all residents in the Borough to ensure that everyone is aware of and understands the proposed changes to the service.</p> <p>(b) That the gratitude of the Committee and the Recycling and Performance Working Group be expressed to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Recycling and the officers for the clear and comprehensive explanations of the strategy and the action plan in recent meetings.</p> <p>(c) That Cabinet note that the Recycling and Performance Working Group will continue its work in the coming months to monitor and support the implementation of the new service, particularly with regard to the communications strategy, examining issues in respect of terraced properties and the trialling of the new approaches to recycling.</p>	

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	(d) That Cabinet respond to the recommendations made by the Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and provide formal feedback to the next meeting of that committee or the Recycling and Performance Working Group, whichever meets earliest.	
2.	<p><b><u>Decision Required</u></b></p> <p>Who do you wish to appoint to the various outside organisations?</p>	That appointments be made to outside organisations as detailed on the list now submitted and available for inspection at the Civic Offices.