



Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board

Date: 21st October 2013

Subject: Evaluation of Phase One Alternate Weekly Collections of Recyclable and Residual Waste

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. Phase One of alternative weekly collections of residual waste and recycling bins was introduced on 29th April 2013 for over 56,000 residents in Kippax, Methley, Garforth, Swilington, Morley, Ardsley, Robin Hood, a small part of New Farnley and additional properties in Rothwell. At the same time, food waste expanded to an additional 3,800 suitable households, in the Rothwell area, maintaining same day collections.
2. At its June meeting, the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board agreed to work closely with the Environment and Housing directorate in evaluating the Phase One roll out of alternate weekly collections so that any lessons learned can be applied to Phase Two. Phase Two of the roll-out is anticipated to be introduced, to around a further 100,000 properties and expected to commence in November 2013.
3. In view of the timescale for commencing Phase Two, the Board agreed to undertake this piece of scrutiny work via working group meetings to which all Board Members would be invited to attend. In conclusion, the Board produced a report setting out its observations, conclusions and recommendations based on the evidence provided at the time of its review. This was sent to the directorate on 19th September 2013.
4. The Scrutiny Board requested that its report accompanies the report of the Director of Environment and Housing to Executive Board on 9th October 2013 around the Alternate Weekly Collections Phase One Evaluation. A copy of the report to the Executive Board, including the Scrutiny Board's report, is attached for information.

5. The Director of Environment and Housing and the Executive Board Member for Environment will be attending today's meeting to respond to the Scrutiny Board's report and provide an update on the preparations for the Phase Two roll out.

Recommendations

6. Members are asked to:
 - (a) Note the attached report of the Director of Environment and Housing to the Executive Board on 9th October 2013
 - (b) Formally endorse the Scrutiny Board's report on the Evaluation of Phase One Alternate Weekly Collections of Recyclable and Residual Waste.
 - (c) Consider the response of the directorate to the Scrutiny Board's report

Background papers¹

7. None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.