

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board

Date: 13th January 2014

Subject: Bulky Waste Collection Service Policy - requested information from Scrutiny

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

Purpose of this report

1. Last month, the Scrutiny Board received a report from the Director of Environment and Housing setting out proposals for changes to the policy for bulky waste collection across the city. The Scrutiny Board was invited to comment on the proposals prior to the Executive Board considering and formalising the Council's commitment to Leeds residents for the kerbside collection of household waste and recyclables and bulky waste.
2. However, in consideration of this report (see appendix 1), the Scrutiny Board had requested additional information to substantiate the following points that were raised during the Board's discussion:
 - That only a small minority of Leeds' households use the bulky waste collection service (around 8%) and there are no emerging patterns relating to service users (see appendix 2)
 - That work undertaken with other core cities around bulky waste collection services has not led to specific concerns about the impact of the proposals on increased fly-tipping (see appendix 3)
 - That many items collected by the Council could be collected for reuse by other organisations through the existing network of third sector organisations, with particular work being undertaken to support the network of voluntary sector furniture reuse organisations (see appendix 4).

Recommendations

3. Members are asked to note the additional information attached to this report as part of its consideration of the proposals for changes to the policy for bulky waste collection across the city.

Background papers¹

4. None used

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.