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## Report of the Director Environment and Neighbourhoods

### Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> September 2007

**Subject:** Recycling Strategy

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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### Executive Summary

The attached Executive Board report is provided for Scrutiny Boards consideration and comment.

It amends the Integrated Waste Strategy Targets to read as follows:

1. To reduce the annual growth in waste per households to 0.5% by 2010 and to eliminate growth per households by 2020
2. To achieve a combined recycling and composting rate of greater than 50% by 2020
3. To recover value from 90% of all households waste by 2020

It also outlines the service developments proposed to enable Leeds' to meet the combined recycling and composting rate of over 50%:

- Increasing the frequency of kerbside SORT collections to fortnightly
- Adding glass to the range of materials collected
- Introducing garden waste collections to all suitable properties (fortnightly summer, four weekly winter)
- Introducing weekly food waste collections and where this is done reducing the residual waste collections to fortnightly

### 1.0 Purpose Of This Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Scrutiny Board with details of the:

Proposed increase to recycling and composting target within the Integrated Waste Strategy for Leeds.

The recycling strategy for Leeds outlined in the attached executive board report.

Financial implications of the proposed short to medium (from 2007/08 to 2013/14) strategy for recycling and composting.

**2.0 Main Issues**

2.1 The main issues are outlined in the attached Executive Board report attached.

**2.2 Recommendations**

2.1 The Scrutiny Board are invited to consider and comment on the content of the attached report.