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**Report of the Head of Scrutiny Support and Member Development**

**Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)**

**Date: 30 January 2008**

**Subject: The role of the third sector in delivering the Integrated Waste Strategy for Leeds**

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**Electoral Wards Affected: All**

**Specific Implications For:**

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

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**1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 At the beginning of the municipal year, as part of the discussions around its work programme, Members identified 'waste' and 'recycling' as key issues for the Board to consider: These issues continue to be priorities for the Board.
- 1.2 As part of an Integrated Waste Strategy for Leeds, which sets out to reduce the impact of waste on the environment, the Council has set out to reduce waste generation, reuse waste, increase recycling, recover value from non-recycled waste and significantly reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, with an aspiration to send zero waste to landfill.
- 1.3 To successfully deliver the Integrated Waste Strategy for Leeds, it will be necessary for the Council to work with a range of different organisations, including those from the community and voluntary sector, and to continue to adopt a partnership approach in relation to service development and delivery.

**2.0 Report issues**

- 2.1 Currently, there are a number of groups/ organisations from the voluntary and community sector (i.e. the third sector) that have a track record of service delivery and are working successfully with the Council. With this in mind, the Board will hear from some representatives from this sector who have been invited to present:

- An outline of their organisation and the specific work they are involved with;
- A summary of achievements and potential contribution to delivering the Integrated Waste Strategy for Leeds;
- Details of any further Council action/ effort that could enhance current operations/ contributions.

2.2 In considering the details presented at the meeting and in order to provide a comprehensive overview, the Board may find it useful to consider a future and more detailed report that identifies all the current third sector organisations that have any form of agreement with the Council for collecting, re-using, recycling and/or disposing of any particular waste stream. Such a report might usefully include details of the:

- Council's work with third sector organisations and their role in delivering the Integrated Waste Strategy for Leeds
- Communities/ areas of the City covered by such agreements;
- Council's recycling credits scheme;
- Current work around developing 'social clauses' as part of formal service level agreements;
- Likely impact of any future issues;

2.3 In addition, to complement the information gathered at this meeting, the Board may wish to consider inviting a wider range of third sector organisations to a future meeting.

### **3.0 Recommendation**

3.1 The Board is requested to consider the information presented at the meeting and, as outlined in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3, determine any areas for further action/ scrutiny.