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

**Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)**

**Date: 27 February 2008**

**Subject: Waste Solution Programme 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 the Waste Solution Programme for Leeds as a key issue for the Board to consider. Members have received a number of updates on the programme, which continues to be a priority area for the Board.
- 1.2 Running parallel to the Scrutiny Board has been the Leaders' Waste Strategy Working Group – a cross-party group that has also been monitoring the development of the Waste Solution Programme.
- 1.3 At a recent meeting of the Leaders' Waste Strategy Working Group, there was a proposal to merge the work of the group with that of the Scrutiny Board. Under this proposal, the Scrutiny Board would assume the monitoring role previously undertaken by the Working Group.

**2.0 Report issues**

- 2.1 As previously reported to the Scrutiny Board, the Waste Solution Programme is at an important stage with a number of key issues / areas to be developed.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 14 November 2007, the Executive Board approved the submission of an Outline Business Case (OBC) to DEFRA for PFI credits to support the proposed Residual Waste Treatment project.

- 2.3 Proposals for developing the evaluation criteria and associated weightings are currently being considered, including consultation processes with key stakeholders. These criteria will be applied in evaluating bids during the procurement which is scheduled to commence in summer 2008.
- 2.4 At the meeting, the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods will provide the Board with an outline of the proposed consultation framework in this regard.
- 2.5 Some of the other key issues for discussion at future meetings include:
- Review of model evaluation framework documents;
  - Progress update on non-residual waste procurements;
  - Review of interdependencies between procurements;
  - Feedback on stakeholder consultation.
- 2.6 It is proposed that these issues will be incorporated into the Board's work programme at an appropriate time.

### **3.0 Recommendation**

- 3.1 The Board is requested to consider the information presented at the meeting and determine any further action.