

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Environment, Communities and Housing)

Date: 13 March 2019

Subject: Draft Scrutiny Inquiry Report – Inquiry into Kerbside Collection and Recycling of Domestic 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. Leeds City Council has an ambition to be the best city in the UK: one that is compassionate and caring with a strong economy, which tackles poverty and reduces inequalities. It wants Leeds to be a city that is fair and sustainable, ambitious, creative and fun for all with a council that its residents can be proud of: the best council in the country.
2. At the meeting on the 28 of June 2018, Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing and Communities) considered its work programme for the 2018/19 municipal year. At this meeting the Board considered a request for Scrutiny regarding refuse collection and identified that a review of current performance may be required to inform the developing waste management strategy. The Best Council Plan 2018/19 – 2020/21 states an ambition that people will live in clean and well cared for places. It also identifies a key performance indicator specifically relating to the percentage of waste recycled. At the meeting on the 26 of July the Board resolved that its inquiry for 2018/19 would focus on the refuse collection and recycling service, including current performance.
3. The inquiry was conducted over five evidence gathering sessions which took place between August 2018 and December 2018 when the Scrutiny Board received a range of evidence both written and verbal. Following the gathering of evidence a Scrutiny

inquiry report has been drafted and will be presented to the Scrutiny Board for consideration and agreement in advance of the meeting.

- 4 Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 13.2 states that "where a Scrutiny Board is considering making specific recommendations it shall invite advice from the appropriate Director(s) prior to finalising its recommendations. The Director shall consult with the appropriate Executive Member before providing any such advice. The detail of that advice shall be reported to the Scrutiny Board and considered before the Board's recommendations are finalised and published on the Council's website". Advice provided is reflected in the current draft report presented to the Scrutiny Board.
- 5 A further opportunity for the provision of advice from the Officers of Leeds City Council is available at the meeting on the 13 March 2019 and the Scrutiny Board is recommended to consider this before agreeing its report.
- 6 Once the Board publishes its final report, the appropriate Director(s) will be asked to formally respond to the Scrutiny Board's report within approximately three months.

Recommendations

- 7 The Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing and Communities) is recommended to consider and agree the Scrutiny Inquiry report following its inquiry into Kerbside Collection and Recycling of Domestic Waste.

Background documents

- 8 None used¹

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.