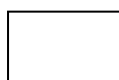

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

Date: 11th January 2010

Subject: Inquiry into Recycling

Electoral Wards Affected: All



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

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Community Cohesion

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Narrowing the Gap

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In November 2009, the Board considered evidence in line with session one of its Inquiry into Recycling. At today's meeting, the Board will be considering evidence in line with session two of the inquiry.
- 1.2 A working group of the Board has already met on 1st December 2009 to consider the following issues:
- The range of materials currently recyclable at household waste sorting sites and bring sites and whether there is scope to expand the range (including more reusable materials). Also, to consider the potential for more locations across the city for bring sites.
 - Examples of other recycling facilities/methods used outside of Leeds and the potential cost implications for adopting these across the city.
- 1.3 A written summary of the working group's discussions is attached as Appendix 1 for the Board's consideration.
- 1.4 At today's meeting, the Board will also be exploring regional and national approaches towards recyclable collection methods. As well as officers and the Executive Member for Environmental Services, representatives from a number of external organisations, including WRAP, WRAG, Friends of the Earth and CO2Sense, have also been invited to contribute to the Board's discussions today.

1.5 The following background papers are attached for Members' consideration:

- Appendix 2 - Choosing the right recycling collection system. WRAP. June 2009;
- Appendix 3 - Good Practice Guide to Bring Recycling. Eco Alternatives Limited. February 2006;
- Appendix 4 – Improving waste diversion from civic amenity sites. M.E.L Research / Defra. 2004/05

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Board is requested to:

- (a) consider the summary report of the working group's meeting held on 1st December 2009;
- (b) note the attached background papers;
- (c) consider the views of officers, Members and external representatives at today's meeting.

Background Papers

None