

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Safer and Stronger Communities)

Date: 16th January 2012

Subject: Recycling Strategy Update

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| 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. During 2010/11, the former Environment and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board completed an inquiry into Recycling. The Scrutiny Board published its final report and recommendations in September 2010 and received a further report in April 2011 detailing the progress made against the inquiry recommendations.
2. At the beginning of the 2011/12 municipal year, the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Board expressed an interest in revisiting the Council's Recycling Strategy later in the year.
3. On 14th December 2011, the Executive Board received an update on progress against the Recycling Strategy. This report also included a number of proposals relating to future service development opportunities, which were approved by the Executive Board.
4. A copy of the Executive Board report is therefore attached for Members' consideration. Also attached as background information is a copy of the 2010 Scrutiny Inquiry report on Recycling and details of the progress made against the inquiry recommendations, as reported in April 2011.
5. Senior officers from the Environment and Neighbourhoods Directorate and the Executive Board Member for Environmental Services will be attending today's meeting to address any questions raised by the Scrutiny Board.

Recommendations

6. Members are asked to:

- a) Note the attached Recycling Strategy update report to the Executive Board on 14th December 2011 and the recommendations that were approved by the Executive Board.
- b) Determine whether any further Scrutiny involvement on this matter is required.

Background documents

7. None used