

North Tyneside Council

Report to Cabinet

Date: 12 September 2016

ITEM 5(a)

Title: Waste Collections
Post 2017 Study

Portfolio(s): Environment

Cabinet Member:

**Councillor John
Stirling**

Report from Service Area: Law and Governance

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Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

1.1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the findings and recommendations of the Environment Sub-committee in relation to its study into the Authority's waste collection service post 2017.

1.1.2 In accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Cabinet is required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee within two months. In providing this response Cabinet is asked to state whether or not it accepts each of the recommendations and the reasons for this decision. Cabinet must also indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Cabinet consider and formulate a response to the recommendations presented to it as a result of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development review of waste collections post 2017.

1.3 Forward Plan:

The report was included in the Forward Plan published on 4 April 2016 under the heading 'Matters arising from Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee and its sub committees'.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

This report relates to the following priority in the 2014/18 Our North Tyneside Plan:

Our Places will:

Provide a clean, green, healthy, attractive and save environment.

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Background

1.5.2 As part of the 2015/16 Environment Sub Committee work programme members agreed to carry out a study into the implications of the cessation of the Weekly Collection Support Scheme on the waste collection service.

1.5.3 A Sub-group was set up to carry out the investigation. It was agreed that the main focus of the study would be to consider the various options available in relation to the collection of household waste within the borough and to identify how changes to the collection of waste can improve levels of recycling in the borough.

1.5.4 Members held a series of evidence gathering meetings between October 2015 and June 2016. The findings and recommendations can be found in the Sub-group's report which is attached as Appendix 1.

1.5.5 The Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee considered the report at its meeting held on 5 September 2016 and recognising that waste collection and recycling is an important service to the residents of the borough agreed that the report should be presented to Cabinet. The Committee also suggested that, as part of the consultation proposed in recommendations 1 and 2 of the report, steps be take to increase residents' awareness of waste minimisation, reuse and recycling and the benefits and implications, both environmental and financial, of the options available.

1.6 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by Cabinet:

Option 1

Cabinet may accept the recommendation set out in paragraph 1.2 above.

Option 2

Cabinet may not accept the recommendation set out in paragraph 1.2 above.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Cabinet has a statutory duty to respond to the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee's recommendations within 2 months of receiving them. Option 1 is recommended as this option allows Cabinet time to consider and formulate a response to the recommendations.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix 1: Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Report: Waste Collections Post 2017.

1.9 Contact officers:

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1.10 Background information:

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

- (1) [Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Report: Waste Collections Post 2017.](#)
- (2) [North Tyneside Council Constitution.](#)

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

The financial implications associated with each recommendation will be included in Cabinet's response to this report.

2.2 Legal

There are no legal implications at this stage.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

2.3.1 Internal Consultation

The Sub-group consulted with the Cabinet Member for the Environment and various officers of the authority as part of its evidence gathering.

2.3.2 External Consultation/Engagement

There was no specific external consultation/engagement carried out as part of the study however information from previous engagement exercises and consultations with residents and the Residents Panel was considered by the Sub-group.

2.4 Human rights

There are no direct issues relating to human rights arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no direct issues relating to equalities and diversity arising from this report.

2.6 Risk management

There are no specific risk management implications arising from this report.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no specific environment and sustainability implications arising from this report however any implications associated with specific recommendations will be included within the Cabinet's response to the report.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

The following officers and members have been sent a copy of the report for their information

- Deputy Chief Executive
- Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure
- Mayor and Cabinet Member
- Chief Finance Officer
- Monitoring Officer
- Head of Corporate Strategy