

**Cabinet Response to Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations  
Completed Action Plan**

**Report of the Waste Collections Post 2017 Sub Group**

In accordance with Section 21B of the Local Government Act 2000, Cabinet are required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee within 2 months. In providing this response Cabinet is asked to state whether or not it accepts each recommendation and the reasons for this decision. Cabinet must also indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take.

<b>Overview and Scrutiny Recommendation</b>	<b>Officer Commentary</b>	<b>Cabinet Decision (Accept or reject)</b>	<b>Action to be taken (if any) and timescale for completion</b>
<p>Recommendation 1</p> <p>That to increase levels of recycling in the borough and to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill the Cabinet be recommended to engage/consult with residents on a proposal to introduce alternate weekly collections of residual waste and recyclables.</p>	<p>Currently there are no plans to alter the frequency of waste collections.</p> <p>It is recognised that to increase levels of recycling and reduce the amount of waste produced requires behaviour change.</p> <p>There would be a need for engagement and consultation with residents should any proposal to change the way waste is collected be considered.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>Currently there are no plans to alter the frequency of waste collections.</p> <p>If in the future Cabinet considers the option to introduce alternate weekly collections then a communications plan will be developed. This will ensure engagement and consultation with residents prior to any formal decision being taken.</p>

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<p>Recommendation 2</p> <p>That Cabinet be requested to increase education and engagement activities around residents awareness of waste minimisation, reuse and recycling.</p>	<p>It is possible to re-profile resources to increase education and engagement around waste minimisation and recycling.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Extend the waste awareness and recycling initiatives campaign for a further two years up to March 2019.</p> <p>Improve quality and quantity of information on the website increasing residents' awareness. December 2016.</p>
<p>Recommendation 3</p> <p>That the Cabinet be requested to produce planning guidance to encourage developers to engage with Officers of the Authority and other relevant agencies to identify sustainable solutions for waste and recycling storage facilities within new developments.</p>	<p>The consideration of refuse collection and storage at an early stage in the development of a site could have significant benefits for the residents, the developer and the local authority.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Include in the review of the supplementary planning document for planning obligations. Due for completion December 2017.</p>
<p>Recommendation 4</p> <p>That Cabinet be requested to give consideration to the examination of the benefits of the introduction of high capacity refuse storage facilities in high density/high traffic areas of the borough such as the Fish Quay.</p>	<p>In the right location the introduction of a communal underground storage system may remove the need for individual wheelie bins, tidy up the area and free up space</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Carry out a feasibility study of the introduction of high capacity refuse storage facilities in high traffic and high density areas of the borough. End of March 2017.</p>

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<p>Recommendation 5</p> <p>That Cabinet be requested to lobby the Local Government Minister, the Local Government Association, local Members of Parliament and local Members of the European Parliament to encourage manufacturers to examine how they can reduce the amount of unnecessary packaging on their products and where packaging is required that it should be easily recyclable.</p>	<p>To encourage producers, manufacturers and retailers to reduce the amount of packaging on their goods is a national issue.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Environment to contact appropriate Minister regarding this issue. December 2016.</p>
<p>Recommendation 6</p> <p>That Cabinet be requested to lobby the major manufacturers, supermarkets and chain stores in the borough to examine how they can reduce the amount of packaging and where it is required that it should be easily recyclable.</p>	<p>To encourage major manufacturers, supermarkets and chain stores to reduce the amount of waste on their goods is a national issue.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Environment to contact appropriate manufacturers, supermarkets and chain stores regarding this issue. December 2016.</p>