

Meeting: Environment Sub Committee

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Title: Waste Collections Post 2017 – Cabinet Response

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Service: Law and Governance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1** To inform the Sub-committee of the response of the Cabinet to the report on waste collections post 2017 and to invite the Sub-committee to determine how it wishes to monitor the outcome of the implementation of the accepted recommendations.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1** The Sub-committee is recommended to determine if, or how, it wishes to monitor the implementation of the accepted recommendations of the Waste Collections Post 2017 Sub-group report.

3. Details

- 3.1** As part of its 2015/16 work programme the Environment Sub-committee set up a Sub-group to carry out a study into the implications of the cessation of the Weekly Collection Support Scheme on the waste collection service. A Sub-group was set up to carry out the investigation with the main focus 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 could improve levels of recycling in the borough.
- 3.2** The Sub-group's report containing six recommendations was presented to Cabinet at its meeting held on 12 September 2016.
- 3.3** At its meeting held on November 2016 Cabinet responded to the report as follows:

| Recommendation | Response |
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| <p>1. 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>Noted. Currently there are no plans to alter the frequency of waste collections. 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> |
| <p>2. That Cabinet be requested to increase education and engagement activities around residents awareness of waste minimisation, reuse and recycling.</p> | <p>Accepted. Extend the waste awareness and recycling initiatives campaign for a further two years up to March 2019. Improve quality and quantity of information on the website increasing residents' awareness. December 2016.</p> |
| <p>3. That 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>Accepted. Include in the review of the supplementary planning document for planning obligations. Due for completion December 2017.</p> |
| <p>4. 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>Accepted. 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> |
| <p>5. 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>Accepted. Cabinet Member for Environment to contact appropriate Minister regarding this issue. December 2016.</p> |
| <p>6. 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>Accepted. Cabinet Member for Environment to contact appropriate manufacturers, supermarkets and chain stores regarding this issue. December 2016.</p> |

3.4 As part of its scrutiny role the Sub Committee may wish to give consideration to how it wishes to monitor the implementation of the recommendations and also within what timescale.

4. Appendices

None

5. Background Information

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report and may be inspected at the offices of the author.

- Report of the Waste Collections Post 2017 Sub Group
http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=566488
- Council Constitution
http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=566296
- Minutes of the Cabinet Meetings held on 12 September and 14 November 2016
http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=566578
http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=567197
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