

North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 14 November 2016

ITEM 6(h)
Title: Response to
Overview, Scrutiny and
Policy Development
Committee Sub Group
Report on Waste
Collection Options Post
2017

Portfolio: Environment

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Stirling

Report from Service Area: Environment, Housing and Leisure

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Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet's approval to the proposed response to the recommendations of the Environment Sub-Committee in relation to its study of waste collections post 2017 in North Tyneside. The Environment Sub-Committee of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee report was presented and recommendations were made to Cabinet at its meeting on 12 September 2016.

In accordance with Section 21B of the Local Government Act 2000, 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 agrees the proposed responses to the recommendations from the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee in relation to its study into waste collections post 2017, as shown in Appendix 1 of this report.

1.3 Forward Plan:

Twenty eight days notice of this report has been given and it first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 10th October 2016.

1.4 Council plan and policy framework:

This report relates to the following priorities in the 2016-19 'Our North Tyneside Plan':

Our Places will:

- Be great places to live, and attract others to visit or work here
- Provide a clean, green, healthy, attractive and safe environment

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Background

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. A Sub-group was set up to carry out the investigation. The main focus of the study was 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. Members held a series of evidence gathering meetings between October 2015 and June 2016.

The findings and recommendations of the Environment Sub-committee in relation to its study into the Authority's waste collection service post 2017 were presented to Cabinet (12 September 2016).

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:

It is recommended that Cabinet agree option 1 in order to support the continued efforts to reduce waste and increase recycling in the Borough.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Proposed response to Overview and Scrutiny recommendations

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.

Report of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Environment Sub Committee
http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=566488

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and Other Resources:

It is anticipated that all actions can be completed using existing resources if agreement is received to carry over an element of the Weekly Collection Support Scheme grant to deliver education and awareness into 2017/18. Carry over proposals are considered as part of the year end process and no costs would be incurred until formal confirmation was received that the carry forward had been approved by Cabinet.

There would be financial implications arising if some of the suggestions included as recommendations were fully implemented following consideration and consultation. Any such proposals would be subject to a separate report to cabinet, identifying the full financial implications associated with the proposal, for a decision before any costs were incurred.

2.2 Legal:

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2.3 Consultation/Community Engagement:

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

Evidence from other authorities and external expert groups was considered by the sub-group and information from previous engagement exercises and consultations with residents and the Residents Panel was also considered.

2.4 Human Rights:

There are no specific human rights implications arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and Diversity:

There are no specific equalities and diversity implications 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:

Maintaining a waste awareness and recycling rewards campaign will result in less waste overall being generated in North Tyneside. The campaign will also assist in ensuring more of the waste that does arise is recycled.

The use of more communal and innovative solutions for refuse storage and collection in new developments should provide environmental benefits both in waste reduction and in fewer vehicle movements.

Any reduction in packaging by manufacturers and supermarkets would be welcome and would contribute to the reduction of waste arising which is the top action of the waste hierarchy.

PART 3 – SIGN OFF

- Deputy Chief Executive
- Head(s) of Service
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)
- Chief Finance Officer
- Monitoring Officer
- Head of Corporate Strategy