

GREEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

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Recommendation: that

- (A) the Executive be requested to confirm that only one brown bin per property be allowed in future for Green Waste Collections and that those properties who currently have more than one bin be allowed to keep the extra bin(s), and
- (B) the decision of the Executive at its meeting on 14 March 2006 that major strategy or policy decisions with respect to waste management remain subject to the agreement of the Executive, but that decision-making on all other matters with respect to joint waste work, including the implementation of policies, be devolved to the Portfolio Holder or Substitute and the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services, be noted.

1. BACKGROUND

The Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 13 June 2007 considered a report on green waste collections. A copy of that report is at Appendix "A".

The Committee noted that the council had received funding from Defra in 2003 for an alternate week green waste collection scheme to enable the council to improve its household waste recycling rate. To maximise the effect of the collection scheme additional brown bins for green waste were distributed to residents as they were required.

The Committee further noted that this scheme had been extended in 2006 to a further 2200 properties. Following the experience gained from the existing collections and bearing in mind the additional time required to empty green waste bins properties had been issued with only one brown bin for their green waste.

The Committee considered that the Council's performance on green waste composting was now in the top 25% of local authorities for this indicator

but its performance on total waste produced per head was poor. To achieve better performance more emphasis was needed on waste minimisation including home composting.

The Committee agreed that to release potential capacity to extend the service to new properties a limit of one brown bin per property should be introduced from now on. Residents with large gardens should be encouraged to compost at home. However for those properties that had already been given more than one bin, those properties should be allowed to keep the extra bin(s).

The Committee noted that the Executive had previously agreed that non major strategy or policy decisions with respect to waste management and decision-making on all other matters with respect to joint waste work, including the implementation of policies, be devolved to the Portfolio Holder or Substitute and the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee agreed that (A) the Executive be requested to confirm that only one brown bin per property be allowed in future for Green Waste Collections and that those properties who currently have more than one bin be allowed to keep the extra bin(s), and

(B) the decision of the Executive at its meeting on 14 March 2006 that major strategy or policy decisions with respect to waste management remain subject to the agreement of the Executive, but that decision-making on all other matters with respect to joint waste work, including the implementation of policies, be devolved to the Portfolio Holder or Substitute and the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services, be noted.

The Executive is invited to consider these recommendations.

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Appendix A - Report on Green Waste Collections to The Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 13 June 2007