

PROGRESS REPORT ON:

**CABINET RESPONSE AND ACTION PLAN in relation to  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY RECYCLING SERVICES REVIEW GROUP  
REPORT OF THE REVIEW OF FUTURE RECYCLING SERVICE OPTIONS**

Review Recommendations		Cabinet Response		Implementation for consideration by Management Team	
		Agreed?	Comments	Responsibility	Timescale
1.	<b>The Groups preferred option for a co-mingled collection system be implemented in the long term, be noted.</b>	Yes	<p>The Review Groups long-term preferred option for recycling services be noted. However in light of the Governments decision regarding Local Government Review it is considered that the long-term preferences for recycling services be addressed in the development of the Waste Management Strategy of the new Unitary Authority.</p> <p><b>Progress to Date:</b> <i>A working group of senior waste officers representing all of the Durham District/Borough Councils and the County Council are currently working on the development of the County Durham Waste Management Strategy.</i></p>	Director of Neighbourhood Services	March 2008

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2.	<b>The Kerb-it Scheme to continue until 31 March 2008.</b>	Yes	<p><b>Progress to date:</b>  <i>The Kerb-it scheme will continue in place until March 2008. Confirmation has been received from Durham County Council that 'legally' this contract cannot be extended and will terminate on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008</i></p>	Streetscene Manager	March 2008
3.	<b>Consideration be given for various options for the continuation of a kerbside collection service after 31 March 2008, including working in partnership with current partners of the existing kerb-it scheme.</b>	Yes	<p><b>Progress to date:</b>  <i>Agreement has been reached between the 4 current recipient Authorities of the 'Kerb-it' scheme to jointly procure a new kerbside recycling collection service. The new service to be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008.</i></p> <p><i>A joint officer steering group has, over the past few months, developed tender documents for the new service and tendered the Contract under the OJEU procurement rules.</i></p> <p><i>Tenders have been received from 5 companies and all of these companies and their tenders have been rigorously evaluated.</i></p> <p><i>The results of the Tender evaluation process and recommendations in relation to a proposed new service are to be considered by Cabinet on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007.</i></p>	<p>Technical Services Manager</p> <p>Streetscene Manager</p>	<p>August 2007</p> <p><b>Rev. date</b> 01.04.08</p>

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4.	The segregated collection of glass for recycling continues following the withdrawal of the Kerb-it Scheme in 2008	Yes	<b>Progress to Date:</b> <i>The segregated collection of glass is included in the new service proposals.</i>	Streetscene Manager	On-going
5.	Glass collection methods are continuously reviewed to allow full appraisal of collection, separation and disposal options available at that time	Yes	<b>Progress to Date:</b> <i>Ongoing</i>	Streetscene Manager	On-going
6.	Sedgefield Borough Council's 29 bring sites be rationalised, with the retention of 6 dedicated sites at Newton Aycliffe (Tesco), Sedgefield (Library), Shildon (Co-op), Spennymoor (Asda), Tudhoe Civic Amenity Site and Aycliffe Civic Amenity site, and phasing out of the remaining 23 sites	Yes	<b>Progress to Date:</b> <i>The site at Green Lane has already been removed and steps are currently being undertaken in relation to communicating the proposals to landowners of the remaining sites. It is anticipated that all 23 of the identified redundant sites will be removed by the end of this financial year.</i>	Streetscene Manager	September 2007  <b>Rev. date</b> 31.03.08
7.	A separate, free collection service for televisions, monitors and white goods continues to be provided to all residents of the Borough	Yes	<b>Progress to Date:</b> <i>Service continuing</i>	Streetscene Manager	On-going

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8.	<b>The free green waste collection service offered in a limited area of the Borough be withdrawn following the cessation of Waste Performance Grant funding in 2007/08</b>	No	Existing arrangements to be maintained in the short term subject to financial consideration when setting the 2008/09 Revenue budget.  <i><b>Progress to Date:</b></i> <i>Funding provision for the continuation of the existing service is currently being investigated.</i>	Technical Services Mgr  Streetscene Manager	October 2007  <b>Rev. date</b> <i>31.01.08</i>
9.	<b>The provision of a discretionary chargeable green waste collection service, offered throughout Sedgefield Borough, is explored for introduction post-April 2008</b>	No	As a consequence of Local Government Review it is considered that this recommendation should not be progressed. Long term arrangements for the collection of 'green waste', considering the financial; operational and sustainability impacts of the various options available, will need to be addressed in the Waste Management Strategy of the new Unitary Authority.	Technical Services Mgr  Streetscene Manager	October 2007
10.	<b>A comprehensive education and awareness-raising campaign be promoted to support recycling arrangements.</b>	Yes	<i><b>Progress to Date:</b></i> <i>Ongoing</i>	Technical Services Manager	On-going