

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.	The Groups preferred option for a co-mingled collection system be implemented in the long term, be noted.	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>Progress to Date: <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	On-going
2.	The Kerb-it Scheme to continue until 31 March 2008.	Yes	<p>Progress to date: <i>The Kerb-it scheme continued in place until 31st March 2008 at which point the Contract came to an end.</i></p>	Streetscene Manager	Completed

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3.	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.	Yes	<p>Progress to date: <i>Agreement was reached between the four recipient Authorities of the 'Kerb-it' scheme to jointly procure a new kerbside recycling collection service.</i></p> <p><i>The new jointly procured kerbside collection service offered by Greencycle Plc commenced on the 1st April 2008. The new service provided enhanced opportunities for recycling including the collection of plastics, cardboard and tetrapack.</i></p> <p><i>Members were introduced to the new company (Greencycle Plc) and presented with an up-date on procedures for implementation of the new collection system at a Special Meeting of this Committee held on the 18th February 2008.</i></p>	Technical Services Manager Streetscene Manager	Completed
4.	The segregated collection of glass for recycling continues following the withdrawal of the Kerb-it Scheme in 2008	Yes	<p>Progress to Date: <i>The segregated collection of glass is included in the new service proposals.</i></p>	Streetscene Manager	On-going

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5.	Glass collection methods are continuously reviewed to allow full appraisal of collection, separation and disposal options available at that time	Yes	<i>Progress to Date: 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	<i>Progress to Date: All 23 of the identified redundant sites have been removed.</i>	Streetscene Manager	Completed
7.	A separate, free collection service for televisions, monitors and white goods continues to be provided to all residents of the Borough	Yes	<i>Progress to Date: Service continuing</i>	Streetscene Manager	On-going

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8.	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	No	<p>Existing arrangements to be maintained in the short term subject to financial consideration when setting the 2008/09 Revenue budget.</p> <p>Progress to Date: <i>Funding provision for the continuation of the existing service until 31st March 2009 was secured. The service is still operating in the original pilot scheme area servicing some 3000 properties.</i></p>	<p>Technical Services Mgr</p> <p>Streetscene Manager</p>	<i>Completed</i>
9.	The provision of a discretionary chargeable green waste collection service, offered throughout Sedgfield Borough, is explored for introduction post-April 2008	No	<p>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.</p> <p>Current Position: <i>Extension of 'green waste' collection services across the whole of the County are currently being considered within the development of the Waste Management Strategy of the new Unitary Authority.</i></p>	<p>Technical Services Mgr</p> <p>Streetscene Manager</p>	On-going

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10.	A comprehensive education and awareness-raising campaign be promoted to support recycling arrangements.	Yes	<i>Progress to Date: Ongoing</i>	Technical Services Manager	On-going

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