

# Report

<b>Body:</b>	Scrutiny Committee
<b>Date:</b>	6 February 2006
<b>Subject:</b>	Monitoring Report – Wheeled Bin Refuse Collection Service and Recycling Service
<b>Report Of:</b>	Assistant Director – Amenities & Contract Management
<b>Ward(s)</b>	All
<b>Purpose</b>	To inform Scrutiny Committee on progress with the action points arising from the outcome of a review into the implementation of the Council’s Wheeled Bin Refuse Collection Service and Recycling Service.
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Recommendation:</b>	That Scrutiny Committee notes progress with implementing recommendations from the Review and agrees that no further monitoring report is required.
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## **1.0 Introduction**

1.1 On the 22 March 2004 Scrutiny Committee received the report of Councillor Maurice Skilton and Councillor David Elkin, as representatives of the Review Group, on the implementation of the Council’s Wheeled Bin Refuse Collection Service and Recycling Service.

1.2 Arising from this Scrutiny Committee endorsed the following recommendations in the form of Action Points:

Action 1 That the work currently being undertaken by the Cleansing Contracts Manager to introduce recycling facilities within blocks of flats should continue to ensure that all residents of the Borough have the opportunity to recycle their waste as soon as possible.

Action 2 That the work currently being undertaken by the Cleansing Contracts Manager to address wheeled bins (and recycling boxes) that are left out by residents on the highway be continued with.

- Action 3 That the delivery of lids for recycling boxes and wheeled bin 'change overs' should be completed.
- Action 4 That the Council should consider further the introduction of a green waste collection service for residents of the Borough.
- Action 5 That the Council should consider the development of its curtilage recycling service to collect plastics and cardboard and/or to provide suitable containers within its 'bring sites' to receive such commodities.
- Action 6 That the Council provides information, in addition to that currently on the Council's website, through its Cleansing Community Forum on street cleansing frequencies.
- Action 7 That the Council ensures that the momentum for waste reduction and recycling is maintained through education and community involvement.

## **2.0 Progress with the Action Points**

### 2.1 Action 1

It is estimated that of the 763 blocks of flats within the Borough, some 510 have been provided with recycling facilities of some sort or another. Because of the site constraints within some blocks of flats it has not always been possible to set in place collection arrangements for all commodities normally collected at kerbside. Similarly, residents in some blocks are reluctant to participate in recycling activities at all. This work is ongoing and it is anticipated that blocks of flats will be again targeted actively to improve their recycling performance during 2006/07 and onwards.

### 2.2 Action 2

This work is on going. The Council's newly formed Enforcement Team is also active in discouraging residents from leaving their wheeled bins and recycling boxes on the highway. In some streets, however it should be noted that there may be no viable alternative.

### 2.3 Action 3

The delivery of wheeled bins and 'change overs' was completed early in 2005. The delivery of lids for boxes and additional boxes is ongoing. Promotional activities including 'door stepping', further to the Big G initiative, have motivated many residents to request recycling bins and lids for their existing boxes.

### 2.4 Action 4

The Council has introduced an 'opt in' green garden waste collection service which currently serves some 4,300 properties. A development in this service will be reviewed during forthcoming months and if appropriate included within a report to Cabinet in September 2006, on the Council's future Waste Services.

2.5 Action 5  
Whereas it has not been possible to introduce a service for the kerbside collection of plastics and cardboard, it has been possible to include containers for these commodities in a number of the Council's 'bring sites' across the Borough. Beyond this, a report is to be made to Cabinet in September 2006 on the Council's future Waste Services.

2.6 Action 6  
Street cleansing frequencies have been brought to the attention of representatives on the Cleansing Community Forum.

2.7 Action 7  
The Council continues with promotional activities, further to the Big G initiative, and also seeks at every opportunity to engage the public in its recycling activities.

### **3.0 Consultation**

3.1 No consultation has taken place in preparing this monitoring report.

### **4.0 Recommendation**

4.1 Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note progress with implementing the above Action Points arising from the Review and if minded; to agree that no further monitoring report is required in relation to this review.

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#### **Background Papers:**

The Background Papers used in compiling this report were as follows:

Scrutiny Committee Report – 22 March 2004 – Review on the implementation of the Council's Wheeled Bin Refuse Collection Service and Recycling Service.

To inspect or obtain copies of background papers please refer to the contact officer listed above.