
REPORT OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING SUB-COMMITTEE

1 WASTE & RECYCLING FORWARD PLAN TO 2008

- 1.1 This item of business was referred by the Waste Management Sub-Committee on 27 January 2006 to the Environmental Services Committee with a recommendation that the content of Appendix A to the officer's report should form the basis of the Council's Waste and Recycling Forward Plan up to 2008, subject to inclusion of the Saturday morning collections of green waste by lorry in areas not covered by the green waste scheme. A copy of the officer's report to the Sub-Committee is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The Sub-Committee noted that:-
- During the Council's recent environmental inspection the main areas for improvement were in relation to performance management of waste management and recycling.
 - It was incumbent upon the Council to have in place a Waste Management and Recycling forward plan covering the period until 2008 when the outcome of the Essex-wide waste project would be known.
 - A bid had been included within next year's budget for the appointment of a Street Scene Manager to work for the Authority on the Essex Procurement process and joint waste strategy.
 - It would be premature to explore the possibility of a co-mingled kerbside recycling service until after introduction of the Essex Joint Waste Strategy in 2008.
 - This Council had commenced recycling services later than many other Authorities and, as such, had some ground to cover in order to catch up.
 - It was important that the Council started to educate residents about the negative implications of not recycling, including the financial penalties associated with placing excess waste in landfill and how this could have an impact on levels of Council Tax.
 - More work should be done in schools highlighting to children the benefits of recycling.
 - The Council should explore the possibilities of increasing the types of plastic collected in the District's bring banks.

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- The District's kerbside recycling service should be extended to include cardboard and the possibilities of including cardboard collections at bring banks should also be explored.
 - The Forward Plan should also include the Saturday morning collections of green waste for areas not covered by the green waste scheme. There would also be merit in using a portion of the Waste Performance and Efficiency Grant in order to do more marketing of the green waste scheme.
 - The Forward Plan should be monitored by the Sub-Committee every six months.

1.3 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That the content of Appendix A to the officer's report form the basis of the Council's Waste and Recycling Forward Plan up to 2008, subject to inclusion of the Saturday morning collections of green waste by lorry in areas not covered by the green waste scheme. (CD(F&ES))

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Background Papers:-

None

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