

REPORT OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING SUB-COMMITTEE

1 PROPOSALS FOR THE SPENDING OF THE WASTE PERFORMANCE AND EFFICIENCY GRANT 2007/08

1.1 This item of business was referred by the Waste Management & Recycling Sub-Committee on 19 February 2007 to the Environmental Services Committee with a series of proposals for the spending of this year's funding received from the Waste Performance and Efficiency Grant (WPEG). A copy of the officer's report to the Sub-Committee is attached at Appendix 1.

1.2 The Sub-Committee noted that:-

- Estimates were made for the Council's recycling credits in the budget and monies generated from the kerbside recycling profit share were used to offset the costs of the green waste scheme.
- A charge made to the Council by the Salvation Army of £13,300 would cover the costs of the Salvation Army delivering bags to households, collection of the filled bags and production and distribution of leaflets advertising the proposed textile collection service.
- The Salvation Army would be formally contracted by the Council to provide a textile collection service within the district, which would be carefully publicised emphasising that this was an official Council collection and that all enquiries or complaints relating to it should be referred to the Council.
- The recycling credits from the proposed textile collection service would go to this Council and the tonnages collected would contribute towards the Council's overall recycling rate.
- A grant had been obtained from Rotate that would cover the costs of employing someone on a consultancy basis for a year to work solely on promoting recycling to residents via publicity, leaflets, road shows, etc. £9,504 of the grant could be well used to complement this education/awareness initiative.
- £3,000 of the grant would fund a public consultation exercise that would assist in gathering public opinion on potential changes to the waste management systems.
- It was unknown whether the Waste Performance and Efficiency Grant would continue beyond 2007/08 and, if so, how this would be administered by the County Council.

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

That the spending of the Council's Waste Performance and Efficiency Grant of £68,554 for 2007/08 be allocated to the items listed in the table in section 3.1 of Appendix 1.

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Background Papers:-

None

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