

**Haringey** Council

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1 DECEMBER 2008

Report Title: **RECYCLING CO-MINGLED & SOURCE SEPERATED COLLECTION METHODS**

Forward Plan reference number (if applicable): **N/A**

Report of: The Chair of the Review Panel

Wards(s) affected All

Report for: **non**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1 For the Committee to consider and agree the Terms of Reference of the review.

### **2. Introduction**

2.1 The Scrutiny Review of Co-mingled and Source-separated Collection has been commissioned by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as part of its programme of works for 2008/2009.

### **3. Recommendations**

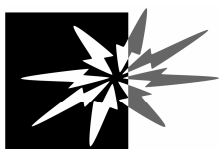
3.1 That the scope and terms of reference of the review be approved.

Report Authorised by: The Chair of the Review Panel

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### **4. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

4.1 Scrutiny Review Work Programme – 2008/9



- 5.0 A Scrutiny review into Waste, Recycling, Collection and Disposal was completed in April 2008. The review made a number of recommendations on a range of issues aimed at improving performance across various activities within the service. The Cabinet responded to the recommendations on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008 and commented that the Council's own comparison of source-separated and mixed material collection methodologies demonstrated that the latter [mixed, commingled] was more cost-effective for Haringey when this issue was examined in detail in 2006.
- 5.1 At our meeting on 22 September 2008 officers informed the panel that the Recycling Strategy for Haringey was approved by the Cabinet in January 2007. The Strategy outlined the objectives and key actions for improving Haringey's performance on recycling and waste reduction. In addition an appraisal of the future of the service was carried out and three options were considered:
- A 'do nothing' approach, where existing services would remain unchanged.  
Financial implications - £1,252k revenue and £0 capital expenditure.
  - Wider range of materials collected through the commingled system.  
Financial implications - £1,677k revenue and £1,485k capital.
  - Wider range of materials collected through source separated system.  
Financial implications - £2,255k revenue and £3,030k capital.
- 5.2 The Cabinet elected to pursue Option 2, namely to employ a commingled collection system for recycling. This would apply to kerbside services as well as facilities for flats and estates

It is therefore proposed that the above review should remain a short focussed research exercise into the merits of the two collection methods with the following terms of reference:

**Terms of reference**

“To consider the overall impact of recycling by co-mingled and source separate collection methods to include resources issues, quality of recycling and value for money”