



Report for:	Environment and Housing Scrutiny Panel	Item Number:	
Title:	Follow up to June 13 Cabinet Response to Environment and Housing Scrutiny Panel recommendations for the 'Waste and Recycling Services II; Further policy options to increase recycling		
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Ward(s) affected: All	Report for Key/Non Key Decisions: Non key		

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 The second report of the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Panel on the waste and recycling service was received by Cabinet in June 2013. The report contained a number recommendations in regards to how recycling rates could be further improved in Haringey to which Cabinet gave its response. This report provides an update on the progress being made in regard to the recommendations that were agreed or partially agreed.

2. Cabinet Member introduction

2.1 The council has set challenging recycling targets aimed at reaching 40% recycling by 2015. In order for these recycling targets to be met we must ensure that we provide residents with the opportunity to recycle as wide a range of materials as possible, as easily as possible.

2.2 I welcome the input and initiative of Scrutiny concerning the issues in this report.

3. Recommendations

3.1 That the update on progress as shown in Appendix 1 is noted.



4. Alternative options considered

4.1 Not applicable.

5. Background information

5.1 A number of recommendations are linked to the introduction of a weekly food waste collection service to estates and totalling around 25,000 properties. Having successfully applied to the DCLG Support Scheme to obtain funding for the introduction of weekly food waste collections on estates, a trial of the service commenced in September 2013 at approximately 1500 properties. The progress of the trial can be summarised as follows:

- The trial was rolled-out over a number of weeks from September to October 2013 to around 1500 properties including HfH estates, RSLs and private blocks.
- Specific communications were developed for the food waste trial and a comprehensive programme of door-knocking was undertaken to engage face to face with as many residents as possible ahead of the commencement of the trial
- The tonnage of food waste being collected is slightly higher than was anticipated (26 tonnes to date).
- Contamination of food waste bins has been low
- The use of dry recycling bins at blocks where the trial is in place has increased, indicating that communications material and the door-knocking programme have been effective in re-energising the existing recycling collection service as well as promoting the food waste trial.
- The food waste containers and the container housings selected for the trial are both serving their purposes well.

5.2 Based on the success of the trial of food waste collections from blocks of flats, plans are currently being drawn up to roll-out weekly food waste collection to all blocks of flats commencing in June 2014.

5.3 In order to achieve the challenging recycling targets for Haringey, the council will need to work with Veolia to undertake a wide range of activities to expand the range of materials that can easily be recycled by residents and to promote greater participation in the services provided. An action plan designed to increase recycling and achieve the recycling targets over the coming years has been devised and is being regularly monitored to oversee progress.

5.4 In 2012/13 we successfully achieved the recycling target with performance of 32%, an increase of nearly 6% compared to the previous year. The recycling target for 2013/14 is 35.4% and year to date performance data indicates that this target will be achieved.

6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications



6.1 The actions taken in response to the recommendations outlined in this report have been met from existing approved budgets.

7. Comments of Assistant Director of Corporate Governance and legal implications

7.1 The Assistant Director of Corporate Governance notes the contents of the report and the update to the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Panel and advises that there are no specific legal issues.

7.2 The waste management activities referred to in the report will need to be carried out pursuant to the Council's Waste Management Contract with Veolia.

8. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

8.1 Comprehensive collection services for dry recyclables have now been rolled out across Haringey, with all residents having the opportunity to use wheeled bins, single-use sacks or communal banks. The full roll-out of food waste collection services to blocks of flats will ensure that there is greater equality of service for residents living in 25,000 properties in blocks of flats in Haringey.

9. Head of Procurement Comments

9.1 This report has no procurement implications.

10. Policy Implication

10.1 There are no specific policy implications linked to the recommendations in this report.

11. Reasons for Decision

11.1 This report is for noting.

12. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 - Response to Environment and Housing Scrutiny Panel recommendations for the Waste and Recycling Services II: Further policy options to increase recycling- June 2013 / February 2014

13. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A