

**WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKING PARTY MEETING  
11 MAY 2009 AT 6 PM  
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**Present:** Cllr Stockton  
Cllr Redhead  
Cllr Shepherd  
Jimmy Unsworth     Head of Waste Management Services

**Apologies:** Cllr Thompson  
Cllr Osborne

**Action**

**1. Apologies**

As Above.

**2. Notes of Meeting 20 January 2009**

Following on from discussions at the previous meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009, members agreed that the initial priority areas for scrutiny and policy development in would include;

- The provision of bins and charging
- 106 Agreements
- Waste prevention issues

Cllr Stockton suggested that members were provided with regular updates on progress against key performance indicators and targets. JU confirmed that this would be included as an agenda item for future meetings.

Cllr Shepherd expressed concerns regarding fly-tipping and the issue for the RSL's. It was suggested that a borough-wide analysis be undertaken. JU will set up a meeting with RSL's to discuss.

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**3. Waste Management Divisional Update**

**a. Waste Contract Procurement**

A new recycling contract with Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority will start on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009. JU confirmed that whilst there has been a delay with the commencement date, this has allowed a more robust procurement process and ensured high quality value for money services. For Halton, the contract will see improvements to the Household Waste Recycling Centres, material recycling and green waste composting facilities. JU advised that a report will be presented to members outlining further details of the services and costs associated with this contract in the near future.

## **b. Kerbside Recycling Services**

JU distributed a copy of a document *Kerbside Recycling Collection Services in Halton*. This was a document that was circulated at a recent Members' Seminar and JU gave the following summary as set out below:

- February 2009 – 3,000 green bins were rolled out taking the total number of households to 37,000.
- March 2009 – 3,000 blue bins were rolled out taking the total number of households to 42,000.
- July 2009 – The multi-material recycling service will be rolled out to a further 16,000 households, taking the total to 42,000.
- A pilot scheme to deliver multi-material recycling collections to areas that cannot have blue bins will be introduced in August. One of the pilot areas will be Windmill Hill.

Cllr Redhead asked about getting a bigger blue bin, JU confirmed bigger blue bins are available for residents to apply for.

JU updated on the Communications Campaign and advised that the 'doorstepping' exercise has been taking place across the borough. The doorstepping teams are using a questionnaire that has been developed to find out the barriers that may prevent people for participating in Council recycling services and to gather people's views and understanding of the Council's schemes. Cllr Redhead noted another Councillor had asked for a copy of the questionnaire but was told he couldn't have one. JU was unaware of this but assured Cllr Redhead as to the content.

As part of the campaign every household in Halton will receive an information pack that will include generic recycling information together with different messages determined by what service are provided in their area.

Members discussed issues with storing recyclable materials inside properties. JU advised that boxes or durable sacks will be used in the pilot scheme that can be stored outside. JU will write to Members in the relevant areas to inform them of the pilot.

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## **4. Scrutiny and Development of Waste Collection Policies**

The group discussed the development of a draft Waste Collection Policy document.

JU asked Members for views on charging for bins. Members confirmed that before policy recommendations could be agreed many aspects needed to be considered, including concessions and for what bins and when charges may apply. Members also discussed the issue of bins in communal areas, the responsibility of landlords to keep areas secure and whether landlords should be responsible when bins go missing. JU is to carry out research into practices in other authorities and provide information at the next meeting.

JU advised that as part of the process to produce a Local Development Framework document, a Planning Obligations SPD (Supplementary Planning Document) is to be produced and adopted in 2011. This SPD will set out the contributions to be made by developers towards services. JU will explore opportunities for securing contributions for waste related services in the interim.

In relation to schools education, JU advised that a Borough-wide programme will be implemented once all residents have access to kerbside recycling services. In the meantime, activities are on-going in many schools upon request. Cllr Redhead noted that this has to be a year on year on process.

It was noted that problems with bins not being taken back into properties after collections is continuing in some areas. JU will look at enforcement policies and bring proposals to the next meeting for discussion.

#### **Timetable**

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| <b>5.</b> | First draft of Waste Collection Policy document will be brought to the next meeting, with a target of presenting a draft to the Policy and Performance Board in November. | JU |
| <b>6.</b> | <b>A.O.B</b><br><br>None.   | JU |