

KERBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION WORKING GROUP

MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON WEDNESDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 2009, AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT:- Councillors:- Booth, Cluskey, C. Mainey and S. Mainey.

ALSO PRESENT:- Councillor D. Tattersall, Cabinet Member – Environmental;
Dave Packard, Assistant Director Environmental Protection;
Jim Black, Assistant Director, Environmental Protection;
Clare Bowdler, Recycling Contract Monitoring Officer;
Ian Aylward-Barton, Scrutiny Support Officer.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors Papworth and Pearson,

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The following declaration of interest was received:-

Member	Minute No.	Reason	Action
Councillor Cluskey	3.	Personal Interest – he is a Member of Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority	Took part in the consideration of the item and voted thereon.

2. FUTURE RECYCLING SERVICE OPTIONS

The Working Group received a presentation explaining what recycling service options were potentially available in future. The presentation addressed the following issues which were fully discussed by Members:-

(i) Waste Directives & Future Performance

Article 11 of the revised waste framework directive which would be implemented from 12th December 2010 required member states to promote re-use and collect at least paper (and cardboard) metal, plastics and glass by 2015. The directive further required member states to recycle a minimum of 50% waste by weight by 2020.

The presentation also gave details of the current best performing Local Authorities in the U.K.

(ii) The Options – Co-mingled or Kerbside Sort

Members received an explanation of each option and the basic differences.

The Co-mingled collection service would require the provision of a third wheeled bin, which would take glass, cans, plastics and cardboard and would be collected within the alternating system and sorted at an MWDA facility. In areas where it has not been possible or practical to provide wheeled bins an additional bag or box would be provided.

The Kerbside sort collection service would require the provision of a number of smaller separate containers for recyclable commodities and these would be collected and separated at the point of collection.

(iii) A summary of the Pro's & Con's of each option:-

Co-mingled	Kerbside Sort
1.Easy for residents	1.Multiple collection containers
2.Less labour intensive	2.Labour intensive
3.Easier to service HMO's	3.Harder to service HMO's
4.Less litter	4.More litter issues
5.No bulking station	5.Large bulking/transfer station
6.One end user – Veolia 20 yr	6.Multiple end users – markets?
7.Bring in-house: uniformity in services, respond to change	7.Remain contracted out: possible service conflict
8.Contamination	8.High quality material
9.Separate food waste collection	9.One pass with food possible
10.Plastic bottles and cardboard	10.Plastic bottles or cardboard??

(iv) Issues to consider (for either option);

- (a) Storage/containment;
- (b) Frequency of collections;
- (c) In-house/out-sourced;
- (d) Consultation;
- (e) Staffing (TUPE);
- (f) Food waste service;
- (g) Service Performance;
- (h) Costs;
- (i) Publicity/Promotion;
- (j) Bring Site service; and
- (k) Environmental Impact.

Having regard to Consultation/publicity and promotion Members discussed a number of options, and it was the general view that, as the alternating weekly collection had only recently been rolled out, and that the proposals to extend the amount and type of recyclable materials

collected was largely in accordance with views expressed by the public, it would be appropriate to publicise the change and how the new system would operate but that a wide scale consultation similar to that carried out prior to the implementation of the alternating weekly collection was not necessary.

In respect of the costs of the service, the set up costs of either co-mingled or Kerbside sort were broadly similar however discussions were ongoing with the Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority regarding the Council taking up their services. It was hoped that a satisfactory conclusion would be agreed in the near future.

Having considered all of the above Members were in agreement that, subject to the resolution of financial issues with the Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority, the co-mingled collection would be the preferred option for the future recycling service.

(v) Key Timescales;

Proposals were required to be reported to the Cabinet Member – Environmental and to Overview & Scrutiny – Regeneration & Environmental Services early in 2010 to obtain approval to progress the preferred option and to formulate plans to establish the future recycling service when the current contract expired at the end of March 2011.

It was Agreed: That:-

- (1) the information presented be received;
- (2) subject to the satisfactory resolution of financial issues with the MWDA the Working Group supports the option of pursuing a co-mingled collection for the future recycling service;
- (3) in view of the new service being a response to many requests for recycling to be enhanced (to include plastic and cardboard) consultation in the form of information as to how the new service will operate be pursued only, possibly by way of the Council's Area Committees; and
- (3) if necessary a further meeting of the Working group take place on 5 January 2010 at Southport Town Hall (prior to the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) at 6.30 pm) in order to inform those Members unable to attend this meeting.