

REVIEW:	Household Waste Recycling	
Committee:	Environment Scrutiny Committee	Chair: Councillor
Lead support officer:		

SCOPING

Terms of Reference

- To review the current methods of household waste recycling in Herefordshire and performance against Government targets.
- To investigate how improvements can be made to the recycling service in the future, in light of the previously adopted Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Herefordshire & Worcestershire (The Strategy), changes in legislation, the review of the National Waste Strategy and new contractual arrangements.
- Following the review to advise the Cabinet Member (Environment) of the best policy to put in place to a) reduce waste and b) increase waste recycling in the Herefordshire.

Desired outcomes

- For the current household waste recycling service and future proposals to have been fully examined in public and in an open and transparent way (subject to confidentiality imposed by contracts or ongoing contract negotiations.).
- For Members of the Review to have considered the various recycling methods currently available and proposals for the future to meet Government targets in line with the adopted Strategy.
- For any future service to be capable of implementation in Herefordshire in collaboration with partner organisations.

Key questions

- How is the current household waste recycling service performing in the context of Government targets and legal requirements?
- What issues have been raised by the public – how has the Council responded – what has been the reaction of the public?
- What are the internal/external factors that affect recycling in Herefordshire and what level of influence does the Council have to change these factors?

- Within the legal framework, what options are there to improve the current policy particularly in line with the adopted Strategy?
- What areas of household waste recycling can/should be improved?
- Can or should kerbside collection be expanded to other areas of the County?
- Are the current bring-site facilities sufficient?
- Are the Household Waste Site facilities sufficient eg capacity, opening times, range of collection, ease of use?
- Is the Council's current policy towards 'green bag' recycling appropriate and what is the public perception concerning this policy?
- Is recycling understood by the public - Is it clear what can and cant be recycled – what are the barriers to getting the public to reduce waste – how can these barriers be overcome?
- What would be the implications of changing the recycling service (e.g. financial cost, increased need for resources, environmental cost/benefit etc).
- What means of measurement are or can be used to judge the success or otherwise of any policy. Are national targets being met – are local targets set at appropriate levels?

Links to the Community Strategy

The Review Group will identify how the outcome of this review contributes to the objectives contained in the Herefordshire Community Strategy including the Council's Corporate Plan and other key plans or strategies.

Timetable

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Timescale</i>
Agree approach, programme of consultation/research/provisional witnesses/dates	First meeting of Review Group to be held in September or early Oct 2006
Collect current available data	
Collect outstanding data	
Analysis of data	
Final confirmation of interviews of witnesses	
Carry out programme of interviews	
Agree programme of site visits	
Undertake site visits as appropriate	
Update to Environment Scrutiny Committee	-

Final analysis of data and witness evidence	
Prepare options/recommendations	
Present Final report to Environment Scrutiny Committee	4 th December 2006 or a special meeting?
Present options/recommendations to Cabinet	Jan/Feb 2007
Cabinet response	
Implementation of agreed recommendations	
Members	Support Officers

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