

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 17 December 2013

Decision No: (CAB 13/14 11535)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT
SUBJECT:	WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY
AUTHOR:	Helen Saward

THE DECISION

Modified recommendations:

- (i) To approve the Waste Management Policy as attached at Appendix 1.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Head of City Services following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport to take any necessary steps to implement the policy and to take into account the recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. The policy will support the Council in maintaining a clean city. The Waste and Recycling Service is currently undergoing a major transformation programme funded by a grant from the governments Waste Collection Support Scheme. The transformation programme has highlighted the need for an up to date Waste Management Policy that covers all aspects of waste management and the new and changed waste collection and recycling services.
2. Bringing waste and recycling collections and other local environmental quality issues into one policy document will hopefully make it easier for the public to understand the role of the council and the role of residents in helping to make Southampton more attractive and sustainable.
3. The policy will also enable the council to focus its limited education and enforcement resources to areas of high priority that are likely to have the biggest impact on improving behaviour, environmental quality and recycling performance.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. The policy will clarify a number of waste management and local environmental quality issues and will provide an education and enforcement framework to enable prioritised enforcement activity; to not have the policy would make any education and enforcement activity less focused and less successful.
2. To continue with the current Collection of Residential Waste and Recycling Policy. This was rejected as the policy will be out of date as new recycling services are rolled out and the policy does not include other areas of waste management such as litter and fly tipping. The previous policy does not include an education and enforcement framework which therefore makes it difficult to prioritise activity.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

Recommendation (ii) modified to take into account recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee at its meeting held on 12th December, 2013 as follows:

On consideration of the briefing paper relating to the forthcoming Cabinet Decision "Waste Management Policy", the Committee recommended that :-

- a) the Cabinet Member explores opportunities to reward individuals who reported people who have committed enviro-crime;
- b) the Cabinet Member explores opportunities available to increase the recycling of plastics and the disposal of asbestos at the Household Waste and Recycling Centre;
- c) officers circulate to the Committee the legal basis for the Council's position on :
 - green waste in household waste wheelie bins; and
 - the collection of side waste and how this impacted on the conditions attached to the additional funding received from the DCLG;
- d) the Cabinet Member considered adding at the start of the policy a "Customers Charter", detailing what the Council would do for residents as it related to waste collection;
- e) in order to improve clarity, the Cabinet Member considers the re-wording of the box on page 12 of the Policy that outlined the 3-stage process;
- f) the Cabinet Member considers developing work within schools, linked to the national curriculum to enhance the opportunity to influence recycling behaviour at an early stage; and
- g) that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee receive an update on enforcement in 9 months time.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 17th December 2013

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on 27 Dec 2013

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*