
To
Cabinet
Council

Date: 24th February 2009.
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Subject
Scrutiny Board 3 comments to Cabinet regarding the Municipal Waste Strategy for Coventry

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of Scrutiny Board 3's (City Development, City Services, Climate Change, Housing and Sustainability) recommendation and comments raised following their consideration of the Municipal Waste Strategy for Coventry – Formal Adoption and Results of Public Consultation on 11th February 2009.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet are asked to consider and decide whether to agree the following recommendations of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee:

The Scrutiny Board offers its full support for the Municipal Waste Strategy.

Cabinet are asked to note the issues raised by the Scrutiny Board.

The Scrutiny Board recorded its thanks and appreciation to the Cabinet Member (City Services) and the Director of City Services and his staff for their assistance in enabling the Scrutiny Board to contribute to the various stages of the development of the Strategy.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 Scrutiny Board 3 has spent considerable time over the last two years considering the various stages of the development of the Council's Municipal Waste Strategy. Officers have discussed the various issues in detail and the Board has on a number of occasions provided feedback to the early stages of the Strategy's evolution. Additionally the Board held a public session with Friends of the Earth to consider their views on recycling and other matters as part of the process.
- 3.2 At the 11th February meeting Members were mindful that representations had been received both promoting additional measures to increase recycling and also arguing for less investment, questioning the value of increased recycling levels. The Board were satisfied that officers had considered these representations thoroughly, and that as a result of various changes in the market for recyclates extensive re-modelling work on the Waste Strategy proposals have been completed. The Board was content that the proposals in the

Strategy for the co-mingling of recyclates provides an acceptable balance of increasing recycling levels and producing a return in the form of sales of sorted recycled materials.

- 3.3 The Board also noted the significant levels of public engagement involved in the development of the Strategy and the clear steer given by the public supporting increased recycling, which are reflected in the final document.

16th February 2009.

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