

<b>Subject:</b>	Audit Review of Waste and Recycling Update	<b>Status:</b>	For Publication
<b>Report to:</b>	Audit and Accounts	<b>Date:</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2011
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Operations Manager</b>	<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	<b>Environment</b>
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	General Exception <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Community Impact Assessment:</b>	Required:	No	Attached: No
<b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b>	Required:	No	Attached: No
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1.	<b>RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>
1.1	That the contents of the report are noted
1.2	That any further reports on progress against performance indicators be taken to Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 Update members as to what progress has been made in implementing recommendations made in the previous audit review of waste and recycling

## 3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:
- **A clean and green Rossendale** – creating a better environment for all.
  - **A healthy and successful Rossendale** – supporting vibrant communities and a strong economy.
  - **Responsive and value for money local services** – responding to and meeting the different needs of customers and improving the cost effectiveness of services.

## 4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

## 5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 5.1 Following an audit report on waste and recycling a number of recommendations were suggested. Members of the Audit and Accounts committee have enquired as to what progress has been made in implementing these recommendations. In order to demonstrate any progress made the following should be noted.
- 5.2 Recommendation 1, Performance against the missed collections standard should be recorded on Covalent and monitored at more frequent intervals:- whilst there is no policy based classification of a missed bin Rossendale has defined a missed bin as any non genuine missed collections not returned to within 24 hours. This new local indicator OP 1 is now recorded on Covalent on a monthly basis. As it is a new indicator a suggested target of 35 per month has been allocated while awaiting further baseline data for more accurate predictions.

- 5.3 Recommendation 2:- Performance for LI 82ai should be reported to councillors to enable monitoring of the effect of initiatives designed to deliver improvements to household recycling in the borough:- LI 82ai or the total amount of dry recycle collected as a percentage of the total general waste collected is currently running at 23.29% against a target of 28.5% This target of 28.5% grows annually by 1% to reflect national policy which recommends that 50% of household waste should be re-used or recycled by 2020. Whilst at the present time Rossendale are not meeting this target, it is not necessarily representative of recycling activity, as many external factors exhibit some influence over this figure, such as reductions in packaging at suppliers and consumer choices at checkouts. Overall, on LI 82ai Rossendale's performance is in the top quartile of Lancashire authorities, and whilst we acknowledge that more can be done, the report does confirm that as part of the Operations/Communities review, one of our key business plan actions is to examine all current council policies and procedures with regards to waste and recycling that apply to all residents in Rossendale, identifying the policies/procedures that work and the ones that need changes/improvements in order to improve our recycling and refuse collection services and to help support delivery of our these targets. Once this process is complete all members will have an active role in monitoring recycling activity as a consequence of future policy decisions.
- 5.4 Recommendation 3 Recycling targets should be reviewed to ensure that they take account of factors that may inhibit the achievable performance:- this will be picked up as part of the Operations Team business plan objective as detailed in Recommendation 2.

**COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

**6. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

- 6.1 Any financial implications are commented upon in the body of the report.

**7. MONITORING OFFICER**

- 7.1 Any legal implications are commented upon in the body of the report.

**8. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)**

- 8.1 There are no human resource implications.

**9. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

- 9.1 The audit review of waste and recycling was distributed to all senior council officers.

**10. CONCLUSION**

- 10.1 Following the audit review of waste and recycling activities, the council has begun to implement the recommendations and has long term aspirations to increase the opportunities for Rossendale residents to recycle.

No background papers