

<b>ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 5</b>
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## **Report of Executive Director – Strategic Resources**

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### **MEMBERS WASTE AND RECYCLING TASK AND FINISH GROUP**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee to consider in line with 8.1 of Part 4, Section 9 (Scrutiny Procedure Rules) of the Council’s constitution.**
- 1.2 Under paragraph 8.1 of Part 4, Section 9 (Scrutiny Procedure Rules) of the constitution any Member may require that an item be placed on the agenda of a Scrutiny Committee.**
- 1.3 The Deputy Leader of the Council has requested that this matter be placed before the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee for consideration.**

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Agrees that:-

1. in the best interests of the Council, the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee itself now provides robust and effective over-view, scrutiny and monitoring of the Waste 2020 Programme given the stage the Programme has now reached; and
2. Members Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group be disbanded in line with paragraph 18 of Part 4, Section 4 (Scrutiny Procedure Rules) of the constitution.

#### **3. LINKS TO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

- 3.1 To deliver a safer, cleaner and greener Peterborough by sharing best practice and innovative technologies for the benefit of the people of Peterborough.**

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 On 21 January 2003 the former Leader of the Council decided that –**
  - (a) the Waste Recycling Working Party would be formed comprising Councillors and officers with responsibility for Waste and Recycling functions; and**
  - (b) the outline terms of reference would be to –**
    - investigate, consider and evaluate options for waste reduction and recycling targets laid down in legislation;
    - assist officers in preparing a report on waste collection options for consideration by the Cabinet Member for Environment, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet; and
    - consider waste processing and treatment options and make recommendations on these options as in the preceding bullet point.

- 4.2 The key milestone for setting up the original Working Party was as a channel of advice and feedback to the then Cabinet Member for Environment, following a referral from All Party Policy in late 2002.
- 4.3 On 28 February 2007 Council considered Waste 2020 and resolved, amongst other things, to note the Working Party would continue to be consulted by the then Cabinet Member for Environment during the implementation of the integrated solution for waste management.
- 4.4 On 17 January 2008 the Leader of the Council made a decision to delegate certain matters to the Chief Executive in relation to the continued development Peterborough City Services (Implementation of the Waste 2020 Programme) and noted the Waste Programme Board (which has responsibility for overseeing the waste management strategy) would liaise with the Working Party to ensure cross party support for the future delivery of the strategy.
- 4.5 At the request of the then Leader of the Council and then Cabinet Member for Environment, the then Environment Scrutiny Panel, on 16 April 2009, considered it was appropriate to re-position the Working Group under Scrutiny.
- 4.6 On 16 April 2009 the remit for the Members Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group was agreed as:-
- monitoring, scrutinising and over-viewing the delivery of the Waste 2020 Strategy as agreed by Council on 28 February 2007;
  - investigating, considering and evaluating further options for achieving waste reduction and recycling targets set by legislation;
  - assisting officers to prepare reports on waste collection and service delivery options for different materials for consideration by the then Cabinet Member, Leader of the Council and Cabinet;
  - considering waste minimisation campaigns and promotions to reduce waste arisings and maximising waste recycling and recovery and making recommendations on these options;
  - being consulted by the then Cabinet Member for Environment and the Waste Project Board during the implementation of the integrated solution for waste management.
- 4.7 The Deputy Leader is keen to continue to engage cross-party and to obtain support across all parties on the implementation of the Waste 2020 Programme and to ensure robust and effective scrutiny takes place on this high profile, high value programme, which offers a significant contribution to the Council's aims to be the Home of Environment including climate impact reduction, zero waste to landfill and renewable energy.
- 4.8 If the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee agrees that it should undertake scrutiny of the Waste 2020 Programme (instead of the Task and Finish Group), the Council resolution of 28 February 2007 would become subject to consultation by the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee and the Members Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group would need to be disbanded in line with paragraph 18 of Part 4, Section 4 (Scrutiny Procedure Rules) of the constitution.

## **5. KEY ISSUES**

- 5.1 Since the former Working Group and the current Task and Finish Group were set up in 2003 and 2009 respectively, the Waste 2020 Programme has made significant progress.
- 5.2 The Waste 2020 Programme has now gone beyond the detailed investigation and options stages that are appropriate for a small Task and Finish Group of three Members.
- 5.3 The Waste 2020 Programme, which is high value and high profile programme, now requires more strategic and high level overview, scrutiny and monitoring which would be appropriate for the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee to ensure the Council's interests are protected through a robust and effective process.

- 5.4 Lot 1: Energy from Waste Facility: This major procurement is now reaching an advanced stage and the final tenders will be due later this summer. The bidders have established the technology and commercial options that they are offering the Council in line with the current market position.
- 5.5 Lot 2: Materials Recycling Facility: This major procurement has reached the stage where detailed solutions will shortly be submitted by bidders. Again, the solutions being offered are in line with the position that bidders are comfortable with within the market.
- 5.6 Lot 3: Enterprise Peterborough: The Council has closed this major procurement and the new Enterprise Peterborough partnership commenced delivery on 4 March 2011. Regular scrutiny throughout the procurement process was undertaken by Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee. Refuse and recycling collections are now provided by Enterprise Peterborough and part of Enterprise's commitment to the Council is to achieve the 65% target set by Council in 2007. Enterprise is already planning for food waste collections in 2013 as part of its overall commitment. Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee will continue to over-view and scrutinise the partnership functions going forward as these functions come within the remit of that Scrutiny Committee.

## **6. IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 It is considered that the Council's best interests would now be served by Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee itself providing the strategic and high level over-view, scrutiny and monitoring of the Waste 2020 Programme, rather than a small Task and Finish Group, given the stage the Waste 2020 Programme has reached.
- 6.2 If Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee agrees to this approach, the Members Waste and Recycling Group would need to be disbanded by the Scrutiny Committee.
- 6.3 The Council resolution of 28 February 2007 would mean that Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee would be consulted by the executive in relation to the Waste 2020 Programme.

## **7. CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 There has been ongoing cross party discussion with the Members on the current Waste and Recycling Party in relation to the Waste 2020 Programme.
- 7.2 Legal Services has been consulted on the options for ensuring robust and effective scrutiny on this high profile and high value programme.

## **8. EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

- 8.1 The expected outcomes are set out in the recommendations contained in this report and as outlined in paragraphs 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 of the report.

## **9. NEXT STEPS**

- 9.1 If Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee agrees to the recommendations in this report, then the Committee itself will over-view, scrutinise and monitor the Waste 2020 Programme and the Task and Finish Group will be disbanded.

## **10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1 Executive decision by the Leader of the Council on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2003 – formation of Waste and Recycling Working Party
- 10.2 Resolution by Council on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007 – doing nothing is not an option (Waste 2020 Strategy)
- 10.3 Executive decision by the Leader of the Council on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008 – continued development Peterborough City Services (implementation of Waste 2020 Programme)

10.4 Environment Scrutiny Panel decision on 16 April 2009 – Members Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group.

**11. APPENDICES**

None