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Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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MEMBERS WASTE AND RECYCLING TASK AND FINISH GROUP

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report seeks the Committee's agreement to the reconstitution of the Members Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group which was established under the previous scrutiny structure.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee agrees to the reconstitution of the Members Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In April 2009 the then Environment Scrutiny Panel agreed to the establishment of a Members Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group. The terms of reference of the task and finish group are attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 Following the introduction of a new scrutiny structure, the task and finish group now needs to be reconstituted reporting to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.3 The current membership of the Group is Councillors Ash, Kreling and Sandford and they have indicated that they are happy to continue as members of the Group.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The establishment of the task and finish group and the terms of reference were agreed by the former Environment Scrutiny Panel in April 2009.

5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Panel held on 16 April 2009.

6. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference of the Members Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group

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MEMBERS WASTE AND RECYCLING TASK AND FINISH GROUP

PURPOSE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose of the Group

The Group will provide a channel of advice and feedback to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee.

In undertaking this, the Group will:-

1. play an integral role in the monitoring of the delivery of the Council's Waste 2020 Strategy as resolved by Council on 28th February 2007 actioned by the Leader's decision made on 17th January 2008 and other relevant waste/environmental management functions associated with the Waste Collection and Disposal Authority (WCA and WDA);
2. investigate, consider and evaluate further options for achieving the waste reduction and recycling targets set by legislation;
3. assist officers in preparing reports on waste collection and service delivery options for different materials for consideration by the Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet;
4. consider waste minimisation campaigns and promotions that will reduce waste arisings and maximise waste recycling and recovery and make recommendations on these options for consideration as detailed in 2 above; and
5. be consulted by the Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture and the Waste Programme Board (Waste 2020 Steering Group) during the implementation of the integrated solution for waste management (Waste 2020 Programme).

Authority

The Group will work in an advisory/scrutiny/over-viewing capacity and make recommendations to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee who in turn will make recommendations to the relevant Cabinet Member(s), the Leader of the Council and/or Cabinet.

In particular, the Group has –

- no decision-making powers; or
- no policy making powers.

Membership

The Group is made up of at least one representative from each of the recognised political groups with the Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture attending in an advisory/consultative capacity.

The Group will normally have a quorum of three elected Members. However, if less than three are able to attend, the Head of Integrated Waste Strategy will have discretion to determine whether the meeting goes ahead or is re-scheduled.

Chairman

The Group will be chaired by the Head of Integrated Waste Strategy.