

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	18 <sup>th</sup> November 2010
TITLE:	Commercial Waste Collection review update
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### 1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 It has been suggested that the Safer and Stronger Community Panel undertake a review of commercial waste services with the aim being to find out what services traders in Bath and North East Somerset would like and how to encourage more commercial businesses to recycle
- 1.2 It has been proposed that the Panel may wish to undertake this in the form of a 'Single Day Inquiry'. This would be the first time that Bath & North East Somerset Overview and Scrutiny has undertaken a single day inquiry but they have proven to be very effective at other local authorities.
- 1.3 A single day meeting that combines presentations about the current situation with informal discussion groups and finally producing recommendations at the end of the inquiry for the relevant Cabinet member.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

The Safer and Stronger Community Panel is asked to:

- 2.1 Note the report and agree the proposal for the Panel to trail a single day inquiry investigation
- 2.2 Nominate 2 Councillors from the Panel to act as key contacts for the co-ordination of the single day inquiry
- 2.3 Make any initial suggestions for invitations to the inquiry day

### 3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The enquiry day will be conducted within the resources available to the Panel.

Outcomes will form part of a larger review of waste services, where they will be considered alongside other information and value-for-money data in order to establish the future direction of the service.

## **4 THE REPORT**

- 4.1 The report details the initial scope for a review into commercial waste services. It proposes that the Safer and Stronger Communities Panel undertake a trail single day inquiry before March 2011 on this subject.

## **5 RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 5.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

## **6 EQUALITIES**

- 6.1 Equalities issues were considered by the Panel as part of their work in formulating the scope of this proposed investigation.

## **7 CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 *Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer*
- 7.2 Consultation has happened in conjunction with service officers and the Panel. More detail consultation will take place with service users, local residents, local traders and community interest groups during the course of this investigation.

## **8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION**

- 8.1 *Customer Focus; Sustainability; Property; Corporate;*

## **9 ADVICE SOUGHT**

- 9.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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<b>Background papers</b>	<i>None</i>
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