

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate  
Street, Rotherham.**

**Date: Monday, 6 December 2004**

**Time: 9.30 a.m.**

### **A G E N D A**

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency. (Pages 1 - 3)  
Waste Strategy Consultation
3. Minutes of meetings held on 20th September, 11th and 25th October, 2004  
(see Orange Delegated Powers Book dated 18<sup>th</sup> September-5<sup>th</sup> November, 2004, Pages 1-21C)
4. Exclusion of the Press and Public  
Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 8 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (provision of work/supply of goods or services).
5. Budget Issues Rotherham MBC and Gershon (Pages 4 - 15)
6. Efficiency Savings in 2005/06 Budget - Neighbourhoods (Pages 16 - 25)  
(report of Finance and Accountancy Manager attached)

<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Housing and Environmental Services</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Waste Strategy Consultation</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>Neighbourhoods</b>

### **5. Summary**

The Neighbourhoods Programme Area is currently out to consultation on the Draft Municipal Waste Management Strategy and Options Appraisal for Rotherham. This report provides an update with regard to how the consultation exercise is currently progressing.

### **6. Recommendations**

**THAT MEMBERS NOTE THE CONSULTATION INITIATIVES THAT ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN TO INFORM THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY.**

## 7. Proposals and Details

The Waste Management Unit has been working with our appointed consultants Enviros, to develop and implement a programme of consultation activities with industry stakeholders and the general public, to progress the development of the Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

The current initiatives include:

- a) A mailing to all premises on the Council's address database to seek their views on reducing waste, recycling waste and ranking the treatment options available. To date we have received over **12,000 responses to this document with 1,700 replies indicating a wish to be further involved with the process.**
- b) **A further letter and information pack** was sent to the 1,700 households who wished to be further involved in the process, to seek their views on the Best practical Environmental Option criteria. This could be done by returning a completed form through the post or by attending one of the "drop in" sessions that were organised for the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> November 2004. (Rotherham Town Hall, Swinton Civic Hall and Dinnington Resource Centre)
- c) **A stakeholder consultation day** was recently held to outline the strategy options being considered by Rotherham and to get the delegates attending to give us their views on the Best Practical Environmental Option (BPEO) criteria. Stakeholder attendees included Rotherham Chamber of Commerce, Industry Representatives, Neighbouring Local Authorities, The Local Strategic Partnership, the Environment Agency and RMBC Planning and Neighbourhood Services staff.
- d) In conjunction with the Primary Care Trust **a Health Impact Assessment Seminar and Workshop** on our Strategy options was organised for the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2004. The event was co-ordinated by Sue Greig, who carried out the Health Impact Assessment on the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Waste Strategy and attendees included Rotherham PCT, Rotherham MBC Chief Executives Office, Planning, Neighbourhood Services and Transport Planning.
- e) We are currently in the process of evaluating all the feedback of the 12,000 returns by feeding the information into a database; however it is too early at the present time to give any initial feedback on the results.

## 8. Finance

The cost of the leaflet production, mailings to premises, consultation workshops and use of premises for the "drop in" events is approximately £40,000. This is being contained within the current waste management budget.

## 9. Risks and Uncertainties

There is a need to agree the final Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Rotherham within the current financial year. This will then allow for the procurement process to be developed to ensure that we are able to commission the development of waste treatment facilities in the future.

If we are unable to deliver a strategic approach to waste management in the longer term, the Council will fail to meet future waste diversion targets and thus could be subject to substantial fines from the Government for a failure to divert waste away from landfill sites.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The development of a Municipal Waste Management Strategy is crucial to the Council meeting its future obligations on managing waste using sustainable waste management options that minimise the effect upon the environment.

This project contributes to the Council priorities of “A Place to Live”, “A Place with Active and Involved Communities” and “To be a Progressive, Responsive, Accessible and Quality Service Provider”

The failure to develop a strategic approach to waste management in the future could affect the delivery of our key performance indicators on waste, which may lead to the levy of penalties or intervention by the Government on the Council.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Waste Management Strategy and Options Appraisal document  
Best Practical Environmental Option Criteria – Office of the Deputy Prime Minister  
Waste Options and Recycling Questionnaire – September 2004.  
Best Practical Environmental Option Questionnaire – November 2004

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