

**RECYCLING GROUP
TUESDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 2011**

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Ali, Atkin, Nightingale, Walker and Whysall.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Akhtar.

12. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER, 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th November, 2010, were agreed as a correct record.

13. BIN CHARGING UPDATE

Hugh Long, Project and Customer Interface Officer, reported that the new bin charging scheme had been introduced from 17th January, 2011, with all of the outstanding set up issues resolved prior to implementation.

Residents could now collect refuse and recycling containers free of delivery charge from Hellaby Depot.

The issue of reporting the stolen bins to South Yorkshire Police had now been resolved and now received an incident number as opposed to a crime number so that it did not influence Rotherham's crime figures. RBT would advise a customer to ring a dedicated telephone number, receive an incident number and then ring RBT again to request a replacement bin. The scheme appeared to be operating well so far.

Agreed:- That the report be noted.

14. TRIAL WINTER CHANGES TO THE GREEN BIN COLLECTION UPDATE

Hugh Long, Project and Customer Interface Officer, reported that the cardboard collection trial would cease on Friday, 25th February, 2011.

The scheme had operated well with good quality cardboard collected from the green bins.

The full garden waste and cardboard collection service would recommence on Monday, 28th February, 2011.

Agreed:- That the report be noted.

15. RECYCLING AND REFUSE VEHICLE COMPETITION UPDATE

Hugh Long, Project and Customer Interface Officer, reported that a competition had been run in 2010 to design a range of recycling posters for the new refuse and recycling vehicles.

The competition entries had been judged by the Mayor with the best 5 turned into recycling posters on the vehicles plus a number of the children would have

their names put onto the vehicles.

The children and their parents would be invited to tea with the Mayor.

Agreed:- That the report be noted.

16. PROMOTING WASTE PAPER RECYCLING IN SCHOOLS

Hugh Long, Project and Customer Interface Officer, reported that the waste paper recycling scheme in Rotherham's schools had grown significantly since its introduction in 2006 with 119 tonnes collected from 90 schools in 2010.

77 schools now had paper banks and 11 had a kerbside blue bag collection service. The scheme was offered to schools at no cost.

Waste Management were now trialling a new container for the collection of waste paper from schools using 140 litre blue waste paper bins (2 schools were already taking part in the trial). If successful, Waste Management would look to gradually phase out the paper banks in schools and replace them with the bins.

Agreed:- That the report be noted.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

18. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Agreed:- That a further meeting be held on 28th April, 2011 at 10.00 a.m.