



Ryedale District Council

REPORT TO: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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SUBJECT: Waste Management Scrutiny Review

WARDS AFFECTED: All

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To update Members on progress on the review.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

To note the report and to consider any further issues that may need to be examined.

3.0 INTRODUCTION

Scope of the review – How can the Council improve public satisfaction with the waste collection service whilst maintaining our recycling initiatives, meeting future changes in waste management and disposal but without increasing costs?

4.0 REPORT

Members have received briefing notes and held discussions on the following areas of interest:

- a) packaging – the regulations in place and how local companies are dealing with these;
- b) the likely future impact of the landfill allowance trading scheme on the Council and its finances and ultimately the impact for the council tax payer;
- c) the opportunities for waste minimisation – Ryedale continues to see a year-on-year increase in the level of household waste collected – what can be done to reverse this trend so that overall levels of domestic waste are reduced;
- d) the state of the market for recycled material and its implications for the Council and its costs
- e) the results of the plastics and cardboard recycling trails;
- f) what is the likely future for the disposal of waste and what implications might this have for residents and the Council;

- g) how trade waste is dealt with in the district, with particular regard to re-use and recycling, including the results of the recycling trial in Malton and Norton;
- h) the potential for joint waste authorities and the costs and benefits this may bring.

The Committee met on Thursday 14 August and considered specifically trade waste but also recommendations that might flow from the review. Notes of this meeting have been circulated to Members.

Ian Fielding, Assistant Director (Waste Management), North Yorkshire County Council, addressed the Committee on the 24 September on the strategic issues facing the County and their likely impact on Ryedale.

The meeting to review the waste management service with residents currently receiving the trial kerbside recycling of plastic and cardboard did not take place as planned. Further consideration is being given to how best to engage with residents.

Outcomes from the review – recommendations on the future operation of the waste collection service to improve customer satisfaction and to raise awareness of the issues to be addressed.

Reporting timetable – The publication of a final report by October 2008 will not be achieved. A draft report is in preparation which will need agreement from the Committee prior to circulating for comment to all those who have contributed to the review. A final report can then be agreed. However, it is now likely that this report will be reported to the Community Services and Licensing Committee by the Chairman on the 29 January 2009.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a budget of £5,000 that it can use to assist in undertaking any review.

6.0 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The Committee is continuing the review before moving to consider the recommendations and the final report to be agreed

Background Papers:

None

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