

<b>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SELECT COMMITTEE</b>		
<b>Report Title</b>	Waste & Recycling Service: 'Let's Talk Rubbish' Consultation & Waste Regulations Results	
<b>Key Decision</b>		Item No. 6
<b>Ward</b>	ALL	
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<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2015

## 1. Summary

- 1.1. This covering report summarises the contents of the presentation to the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the results of the 'Let's Talk Rubbish' consultation and an overview of the Waste Regulations Assessment. Both of these will assist in formulating recommendations to any future changes to the waste & recycling service.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To note the contents of the report and presentation.
- 2.2. To discuss the item and provide views on the following key questions:
- What are Members views on the results of the consultation and the Waste Regulations Assessment?
  - What are Members views on the proposed recommendations outlined in the presentation?

## 3. Background

- 3.1. Previous reports have detailed the drivers for a potential change in Lewisham's waste & recycling services, but an outline of what these are, are detailed below.
- 3.2. Improved environmental performance – Lewisham's recycling rate is the lowest in the country and by changing the services that are offered could have a significant impact on reducing waste in the first instance, increasing the amount that is recycled or composted and reducing the carbon footprint of waste and recycling collected and disposed of.
- 3.3. Financial – the waste & recycling services have had an efficiency review undertaken against the backdrop of identifying savings moving forward given the current climate of austerity. The recycling market is currently volatile and in decline, and this could impact on any projected potential savings. Further,

the Council could face fines from Central Government if contribution to the 50% target is not improved upon.

- 3.4. Legislative – the key legislative drivers are ensuring compliance with the Waste Regulations, which include applying the Waste Hierarchy (Regulation 12) and separately collecting paper, glass, metals and plastics (Regulation 13), if necessary and practicable. There is a further requirement that the authority contributes to the London and national recycling targets.
- 3.5. Future waste planning – with the SELCHP Energy from Waste (EfW) contract ending in early 2024, with contract prices for EfW tending to be much higher than other forms of disposal and with a growing population producing more waste and recycling, it is necessary to explore all options for managing waste and recycling effectively and efficiently.
- 3.6. Resulting from this the Council has modelled a number of potential service scenarios which include looking at organics collections, changing the frequency of collections and either keeping a comingled recycling service or opting to collect some materials separately.
- 3.7. To see if these options comply with the Waste Regulations 2012 a Necessity and TEEP (Technical Environmental & Economic Practicability) Assessment has been carried out using the Route Map approach developed by local authorities and industry experts.
- 3.8. In addition to this it was important to seek the views of our residents who are the people who would be using the service. The approach and results of the consultation with our residents and stakeholders are detailed in the presentation.

#### **4. Overview of Presentation**

- 4.1. The following section provides an overview on the content of the presentation.
- 4.2. *Let's Talk Rubbish Consultation Results*
- 4.3. This section looks at the approach and the results of the Let's Talk Rubbish consultation.
- 4.4. *Waste Regulations Assessment*
- 4.5. This section provides an overview as to the Necessity and TEEP Assessment.
- 4.6. *Financial review of options*
- 4.7. This section provides a financial overview of each of the proposed options.
- 4.8. *Street Cleansing*

4.9. This section looks at the current performance of the street cleansing service.

#### 4.10. *Recommendations & Next Steps*

4.11. The final section talks through the proposed recommendations for any future changes to waste & recycling service changes in Lewisham and outlines the next steps.

### **5. Financial Implications**

5.1. Financial considerations have been taken into account in the main presentation.

### **6. Legal Implications**

6.1. Legal considerations have been taken into account in the main presentation.

### **7. Equalities Implications**

7.1. Equalities considerations have been taken into account in the main presentation.

### **8. Environmental Implications**

8.1. Environmental considerations have been taken into account in the main presentation.

### **9. Crime and Disorder Implications.**

9.1. There are no crime and disorder implications.

### **10. Conclusion**

10.1. This paper and accompanying presentation provides the Committee with an overview of the results of the Let's Talk Rubbish consultation as well as the key findings from the Waste Regulations Assessment. These pieces of information will assist in formulating any future changes to the Council's Waste & Recycling Services. Ensuring the Council makes the correct strategic choices that fit with the needs of our residents will ensure that the best possible services are developed and implemented. This item seeks to capture the views of the Committee on these results.

### **11. Further Information**

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