

Walsall Council Scrutiny and Performance Panel Work Group
Initiation Document

Work Group Name:	Waste Management
Panel:	Neighbourhoods
Municipal Year:	2007/08
Lead Member:	tbc
Lead Officer:	Keith Stone
Support Officer:	Simon Evans
Membership:	tbc

1.	Context
	<p><i>Why has this work group been set up? Consider the main drivers behind it</i></p> <p>Waste management has become a key issue for Councils because of the need to meet stretching targets for the diversion of waste from landfill sites. This is intended to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases and so help combat the problems associated with climate change. Over the next 12 months or so, a number of important decisions will need to be taken by the Council to ensure that it deals effectively with this issue.</p>
2.	Objectives
	<p><i>What do you want it to achieve? It is important to have clearly defined outcomes at the start to give the working group direction and ensure it adds value.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A clear understanding of the drivers influencing the Council's waste management service. 2. Effective input to the associated decision-making process within the Council.
3.	Scope
	<p><i>What should be included and excluded?</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of the waste collection service. 2. Procurement of additional capacity for the treatment of residual waste. 3. Partnership working with other Councils to help deliver the Council's objectives, including the Black Country Waste

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	<p>Management Forum</p> <p>4. Maximising the take-up of the Council's recycling service.</p>
4.	Who else will you want to take part?
	<p><i>Think about who else, other than lead officers and members, it would be useful to include either as part of the working group or to bring information at specific points. For example- partners, stakeholders, other authorities.</i></p> <p>See above</p>
5.	Timescales & Reporting Schedule
	<p><i>Needs to be completed within the same municipal year and so should be able to report to full panel by the last meeting at the latest but consider the subject- is there anything else that it may need to tie into (e.g. academic or financial year or to coincide with national/sub-regional developments)</i></p> <p><i>How often will update be provided to full panel?</i></p> <p>Waste Collection Review – Prior to Cabinet on 19th September 2007. Update to Scrutiny Panel on 4th October. Procurement of Residual Waste Capacity – Early 2008. Update to Scrutiny Panel on 28th January or 27th March. Maximisation of recycling - Ongoing</p>
6.	Risk factors
	<p><i>Are there any obstacles that can be predicted? For example, is it dependent on other organisations outside your control and duty to cooperate. Identifying these factors early should help minimise their impact.</i></p> <p>Decisions about the procurement of additional residual waste treatment capacity will depend on agreements with partner authorities.</p> <p>Maximisation of recycling relies on the continued support of householders.</p>

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Timetable: to be inserted once agreed

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