

**WORKING GROUPS UPDATE REPORT
(Lead Working Group Members)**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report sets out the progress achieved to date by the Working Groups of the Panel reviewing collection, recycling and disposal of waste; street cleaning; the Borough's Housing Strategy; and implementation of the Supporting People programme.

2 SUGGESTED ACTION

- 2.1 **That this update report be noted.**

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Waste Review Working Group

- 3.1 The draft report of the Waste Review Working Group is nearing completion and will be circulated for initial feedback from Members and officers shortly. It is anticipated that the Working Group will wish to meet again to discuss the draft report and identify any further areas it wishes to investigate before concluding its review.

Street Cleaning Working Group

- 3.2 The report of the Working Group reviewing street cleaning, which appears elsewhere on this agenda for noting, has been agreed by the Panel and adopted by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission via e-mail. An Executive response to the report has been prepared and will be considered by the Executive at its meeting on 16 December 2008.

Housing Strategy

- 3.3 The purpose of this Working Group is to respond to the consultation in respect of the Borough's draft Housing Strategy which will be agreed by the Executive early in 2009, for consultation. The Working Group has met on four occasions to date to be briefed on the current working draft of the Housing Strategy, a substantive strategic document relating to housing priorities across the Borough, and consider in particular the use of the capital receipts generated as a result of the transfer of the Council's housing stock and the five priorities for action included in the current draft of the Strategy. A further meeting has been arranged for 12 January 2009 to consider the draft Strategy.

Supporting People Programme

- 3.4 The Working Group monitoring the implementation of the Supporting People programme met on 30 September 2008 to review progress and its resulting update report appears elsewhere on this agenda for the Panel's consideration.

Background Papers

None

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