

ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
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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 Environment, Culture and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

2 SUGGESTED ACTION

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

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

'Waste Not Want Not' – Review of Waste and Recycling

- 3.1 On 16 March 2009, the Panel agreed the final draft of the report of one of its working groups undertaking a strategic review of waste collection, disposal and recycling and recommended that it be adopted by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission for sending formally to the relevant Executive Member. However, when subsequently considering the report at its meeting on 1 April, the Commission did not adopt the report but raised a number of related queries and comments. A response to these queries and comments was formulated and agreed by the Working Group and Panel outside the normal cycle of meetings. The agreed response included one suggested change to recommendation 5.2 to read:

- “An investigation be carried out into the feasibility of giving all residents the option to request 140 or 240 litre wheeled blue bins if they have insufficient space or demand for the larger 240 litre bin or the 140 litre bin is not large enough to accommodate paper and card waste in addition to cans and plastic bottles.”

- 3.2 Having considered the response to its queries and comments at its meeting held on 11 June 2009, the Overview and Scrutiny Commission agreed with the change to recommendation 5.2, agreed the responses to its previous queries, and adopted the amended report.

Other Working Groups

- 3.3 Updates in respect of the Panel's other working groups, which have reviewed street cleaning, the Council's Housing Strategy and the implementation of the Housing and Council Tax Benefit Improvement Plan, appear elsewhere on this agenda.

Background Papers

None

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