

**WORKING GROUPS – PROGRESS 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; and road traffic casualties.

2 SUGGESTED ACTION

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

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Waste Review Working Group

- 3.1 The Working Group has now met on six occasions and positive progress continues to be made. Having scoped the review in the light of an introductory session with the Chief Officer: Environment and Public Protection, the Working Group has received indepth information in respect of the re3 waste and recycling partnership and the refuse and recycling collection services in Bracknell Forest. Other work has included a useful discussion with a representative of SITA, the Council's waste and recycling contractor, the receipt of the results of a bin analysis of the Council's town centre offices and consultation on a household waste and recycling collection service questionnaire for residents. Some progress has been made towards designing the frame of the review report. This review is an example of successful partnership working with the Town and Parish Councils with whom we are working well together as one team.
- 3.2 The Working Group has two further meetings scheduled to take place during June to learn about planning policy in relation to waste and recycling and to meet the Executive Member for the Environment to give her the opportunity to share her views one year on from assuming the portfolio and to identify any areas where she would welcome the Working Group's input.
- 3.3 It is anticipated that remaining work will feature meeting representatives of a supermarket to discuss packaging policies and a waste reduction action organisation to gain its perspective on waste and recycling. In addition, the Panel intends to visit Longshot Lane civic amenity site and the new Smallmead Material Recycling Facility to assist its review.

Street Cleaning Working Group

- 3.4 Subsequent to scoping the review with the assistance of the Chief Officer: Environment and Public Protection at its initial meeting, the Working Group has met on three further occasions and is progressing its work. This has included the receipt of detailed presentations in respect of the Council's street cleansing and grounds

maintenance contracts, discussions around best street cleaning practice at Town and Parish council level and consideration of anti-littering promotional and educational activity in the light of littering research undertaken by an environmental campaigns organisation.

- 3.5 The Working Group has been consulted in relation to the draft departmental Environmental Amenity Action Plan 2008-2011, which seeks to achieve a reduction in the levels of dumping of waste and to improve street cleansing service delivery. An article promoting the cleanliness of the Borough has been prepared by the Lead Member of the Working Group for publication in the Council's Town and Country journal.
- 3.6 A further meeting of the Working Group is proposed to consolidate its progress and identify the way forward with a view to preparing its review report and to formulate its response to the Environmental Amenity Action Plan consultation.

Road Traffic Casualties Working Group

- 3.7 The Working Group held their final meeting on 17 April. The draft report was agreed by members of the Working Group, and subsequently by the Panel and then the O&S Commission. The report was sent formally to the Executive Member for Planning and Transportation on 13 May, who has been invited to the meeting of the Commission on 17 July to present the Executive's response to the report. The report is also on the agenda for the Environment, Culture and Communities O&S Panel at the meeting on 23 June, as some of the report's recommendations are addressed to the Panel.

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