



Report of: Chair of Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

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Executive	14 June 2018	All

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Subject: HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING – FINDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report requests that the Executive receive the recommendations of the Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee following the completion of its review of Household Recycling. A response to the recommendations set out in the report will be considered at a future meeting of the Executive.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the report of the Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee be received.
- 2.2 That the Executive Member's response be reported to a future meeting of the Executive, including having due regard to any relevant implications of the Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

3. Background

In July 2017 the Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee commenced a review of household recycling. The overall aim of the review was to reduce the amount of waste going to incineration or landfill by increasing the amount of domestic recycling. The objectives of the review included building on the Council's Waste Minimisation and Recycling Action Plan 2016/17; understanding Islington's current performance and its targets; evaluating its current strategies and their effectiveness (including cost effectiveness); its operational and cultural barriers to recycling in particular among certain hard to engage groups and to consider measures to overcome such barriers; examining measures to increase the amount and type of re-cycling among those who already recycle eg food waste; consider operational issues which might increase

participation; understanding layout and capacity of waste and recycling bins on estates; specific issues in relation to the quality of recycling, in particular contamination, and to consider measures to improve it.

4.1 Financial Implications

The proposals in the report need to be costed before a response is made by the Executive.

4.2 Legal Implications

Relevant legal implications will be considered as part of the response to the review.

4.3 Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications at this stage. Any environmental implications will be identified as part of the Executive Member response.

4.4 Resident Impact Assessment

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

The Committee has had regard to any equalities implications and resident impacts identified by witnesses during the course of the review. Details of any such implications are set out in the appended report. A Resident Impact Assessment has not been completed as the Executive is only asked to receive the report at this stage. The impact on residents will need to be fully considered as part of the Executive Member response to the review, at which point a Resident Impact Assessment will be completed if required.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 5.1 The Committee believes that Islington's re-use and recycling rate can be increased by focussing resources more effectively and by activities and engagement that supports the Council's core priorities.

Appendices:

- Report of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Background papers:

- None

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