



Committee
14th December 2006

**Report from the Director of
Policy & Regeneration**

For /Information

Wards Affected:
ALL

**Waste Management Contract –
Briefing for Overview & Scrutiny**

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 At its last meeting on 19th October 2006 the Overview & Scrutiny Committee asked to receive a briefing on the scrutiny of the Waste Management Contract by Performance and Finance Select Committee and their recommendations to the Executive.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the report

3.0 Detail

3.1 *Performance & Finance Recommendations*

The Performance and Finance Select Committee made the following recommendations:

- (i) that the information contained in the Authority to Award the Council's Waste Service Contract report be noted;
- (ii) that a report on the performance of the new Waste Services Contract be considered by this Committee within 4 to 6 months of the commencement of this contract; and
- (iii) that regular performance indicator updates of the new Waste Services Contract be provided for each Ward and be made available to all Ward Councillors.

3.2 *Discussion*

The general view of the Committee was that they supported the contract but members of the Committee had reservations about it. The main areas of concern which was reflected in the recommendations was the likely performance of the contract and the degree to which information was being provided to ward councillors.

On performance members of the committee noted that under the current contract the Street Cleansing Dept had had problems meeting their targets including their target for BVPI 199a which is the percentage of clean streets. They were concerned that that failure might continue under the new contract. The Committee agreed to receive a report on the performance of the Contract 4-6 months after its commencement and the Chair of the Committee (Cllr Anthony Dunn) made it clear that he would demand further reports were targets not being met. The Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Irwin Van Colle) who attended the meeting and spoke to the report was confident these targets would be met as was his predecessor Cllr Lesley Jones.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of information relating to performance being provided to ward councillors so that they would be aware of the performance for their area. Representatives of Environment and Culture Directorate said that this information could be provided and were happy to provide it if required. Cllr Van Colle also supported the provision of this information.

Elsewhere, Cllr Dunn was unhappy with the structure of the report which he felt was over concerned with process and not enough about performance management. His concerns were noted.

In conclusion, the Committee did support the Contract but had concerns about how performance will be monitored and poor performance addressed if required. They also wanted performance information more freely available to ward councillors.

3.3 *Conclusion*

The discussions were reported to the Executive & Full Council when they considered the Waste Management Contract report.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 None

6.0 Diversity Implications

6.1 None

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)

7.1 None

Background Papers

Award of Waste Management Contract – Executive 13th November 2006

Authority to award the Council's Waste Management Contract – Full Council
27th November 2006

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