

**TO: ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –  
13 JANUARY 2004**

**SUBJECT: SCRUTINY OF RECYCLING**

**FROM: MEMBERS' SERVICES**

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To agree the report, attached at appendix 1, which proposes the information and recommendations that should be made to the Executive in February based on the Committee's deliberations regarding scrutiny of recycling.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 As part of its work plan for 2003/04 the Committee agreed to scrutinise recycling within the District. At its meeting in September 2003 the Committee agreed nine areas it wanted to investigate further. These were:
- 1) Process of selection for green bin and red box issuing.
  - 2) Joint working arrangements with Warwickshire County Council and other local authorities;
  - 3) The Council's performance on recycling against the defined action plan;
  - 4) Public perception and impression of the services that the Council provide and the achievements which have been made;
  - 5) Is the Council achieving its legal obligations for recycling?
  - 6) How the Council itself considers recycling, what is practicable for recycling within the Council, and the resulting implications on resources;
  - 7) How the Council can educate and encourage further participation in recycling throughout the District;
  - 8) Scrutiny of the decisions made by the Recycling Steering Group; and
  - 9) Performance of the Council's contractors who provide recycling services.

- 2.2 Following a further report in October 2003 it was agreed that pairs of Councillors would be charged with scrutinising different areas and would report back to the Committee in December. The areas were as follows:

Garden Waste - Councillors Mrs Blacklock and Gill.

Problems - including the areas and cases where recycling could be problematic - Councillors Copping and Smith.

Public Participation - including the public's view on the progress which the Council had made – Councillors Hatfield and Sandhar

Contractors - including the performance of the contractors providing the garden waste and paper recycling schemes - Councillors Mrs Compton and Davies.

- 2.3 After these mini reports were submitted to the Committee in December it was agreed that officers should use these reports and the content of discussions at the meeting to form the basis of a report for submission to the Executive, following approval of the report by this Committee.

### 3. **POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK**

There are no direct financial implications for the Council at this time. This service and increased helps the Council to achieve one of the seven key themes within the corporate strategy “improve our services to provide a cleaner and greener environment”.

### 4. **OUTCOME REQUIRED**

The Committee approves the report, attached as appendix 1, to be submitted for consideration by the Executive as the Committee's recommendations with regard to the Council's responsibilities on recycling.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Agenda and Minutes 9 September, 7 October and 2 December 2003

**Areas in District Affected:**

*All.*

**Executive Portfolio Area and Holder:**

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