

# ***Report to the Council***

**Committee: Cabinet**

**Date: 28 July 2009**

**Subject: Environment Portfolio**

**Portfolio Holder: Councillor Mrs Mary Sartin**

**Item: 6(d)**

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## **Recommending:**

**That the report of the Environment Portfolio Holder be noted**

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## **Waste Service**

A meeting of the Waste Management Partnership Board was held on 20 July when members were updated on the implementation of the new Food and Garden Waste recycling service.

All households where the new service will be implemented should now have received an introductory letter and a bin hanger giving the date of the start of the service and information on how to find out about roadshows. The first few roadshows have now taken place and there are others to follow at sites throughout the District.

Containers are currently being delivered ready for distribution to households from the beginning of August. Included with these will be an information pack with a collection calendar. There will be no changes to the day of the week on which collections are made in each area.

In the week prior to the start of the new service residents will have a second bin hanger delivered telling them that the new service will be starting in the following week.

As with all new initiatives things do change along the way and whereas previously I have said that food will not be able to be placed in plastic bags Sita now tell us that the facility that these materials will be going to can take compostable bags. These can be identified by a special logo and details of these will be given in the information packs. Food can also be wrapped in newspaper. I have also now been told that we will be able to take small animal bedding in the food and garden waste bins. Literature which has already been printed indicates that this will not be possible but any further material will include this and it will be shown on the Council's website that this is acceptable.