

Report to the Cabinet

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Portfolio: Environment

Subject: Waste Management Policy

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the policy on loss or damage of waste management containers be adopted

Executive Summary:

At the Cabinet meeting in September 2009 a number of waste management policies were adopted. This report puts forward another policy for consideration, dealing with lost and damaged containers.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To comply with the requirements of Cabinet on 7 September 2009 and to implement the policy required for dealing with lost or damaged waste containers

Other Options for Action:

To not adopt the policy or to amend the policy as set out

Report:

1. The Cabinet at its meeting on 7 September 2009, considered and adopted a number of waste management policies. In adopting those policies cabinet noted that further policies would be forthcoming including one relating to lost, damaged and stolen containers.
2. Attached to this report is the suggested policy dealing with lost, damaged and stolen containers.

Resource Implications:

There are no additional resource implications arising from this report and its recommendations; the implementation and management of the service is fully funded through current and future continuing service budgets.

Legal and Governance Implications:

The delivery of the waste service is predominantly implemented under the auspices of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and its subsidiary regulations and guidance. The

collection of household waste (as defined by the Controlled Waste Regulations 1992) is a statutory duty placed upon the Council.

Safer, Cleaner and Greener Implications:

The development of the waste service is seen as a key element of the Council's Safer, Cleaner, Greener Strategy. The increase in recycling performance is also a key component of meeting the Council's obligations within the recently adopted Essex Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. Changes to the service will also assist the Council in meeting the criticisms contained within the Audit Commission's report on the waste service. This policy will enable the Council to ensure that the correct containers are available for the service whilst ensuring that householders recognise their own responsibilities for the care of containers provided for their use.

Consultation Undertaken:

No consultation undertaken.

Background Papers:

Cabinet 7 September 2009 (minute 56 refers)

Impact Assessments:

Risk Management

There are no identified risks through this report and its recommendations. The implementation of formal policies controlling the misuse of waste containers should result in reduced expenditure on the costs of replacement containers.

Equality and Diversity:

Did the initial assessment of the proposals contained in this report for relevance to the Council's general equality duties, reveal any potentially adverse equality implications? Yes

Where equality implications were identified through the initial assessment process, has a formal Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? No

What equality implications were identified through the Equality Impact Assessment process?
There may be rare circumstances where a household, through the misuse of a container, requires it to be replaced but cannot afford to meet the costs. This could result, depending upon the container involved, in the withdrawal of waste collection services. Such cases will be considered on their merits and other agencies such as social care involved should financial hardship be a bar to the re-provision of a container

How have the equality implications identified through the Equality Impact Assessment been addressed in this report in order to avoid discrimination against any particular group?
Not relevant