

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IN-DEPTH STUDY 2019/20

To review the level of domestic waste recycling in the Borough, in order to examine what influences residents in terms of their recycling habits and what the barriers are to achieving a higher rate of recycling and to consider ways of working with residents to improve domestic waste recycling.

FRAMEWORK FOR SCRUTINY / SCOPE OF PROJECT:

1. To review current strategies, initiatives and methods of waste recycling/collection and their effectiveness
2. To consider best practice from exemplar Local Authorities (e.g. Tendring, Rochford) including incentive schemes
3. To examine operational and cultural barriers to domestic waste recycling and how these may be overcome
4. To identify and consider recycling measures and initiatives to increase the amount and type of domestic waste recycling in the Borough
5. To investigate how the community be educated and encouraged to increase domestic waste recycling levels reduce the level of waste sent to landfill
6. To investigate the potential alternative uses of suitable residual waste after recycling as an alternative to landfill

Outcomes:

To improve and increase domestic waste recycling in the Borough

Intelligence to inform the report:

Scrutiny of relevant documentation, data and intelligence
 Structured interviews with selected groups
 Current and alternative operational models, initiatives and strategies
 Survey of residents

Resources:

As indicated

Membership of T&F Group:

Councillors: A Bright, K Buck, L Burton, A Chalk, S George, D Jarvis, S Wakefield and P Wexham
 Officer Core Team: Carl Robinson, Imran Kazalbash and Tim Row
 As and when required:

Possible activity:

1. Desktop scrutiny of existing and emerging documentation/data
2. Initial scoping meeting of T&F group
3. Potential to include a few relevant questions on the Borough-wide resident perception

postal survey

4. Potential to have an informal online survey for targeted or open participation
5. Pop up engagement – i.e. in reception / over at Waste Recycling Centres
6. Structured stakeholder workshop(s) for Veolia Community Liaison group and stakeholders/relevant partners
7. In-depth witness sessions

Stakeholder/witness groups:

Youth Council

Veolia

Veolia Community Liaison Group

Other Local Authorities

Schools

Indicative Programme

2019

September

1. Agree project plan

October

2. Desktop scrutiny completed
3. Residents' Survey/Pop up consultation

November

4. Structured workshop with Veolia Community Liaison Group

2020

January / February

5. Witness sessions**

March

6. Draft report

April

7. Final Report to Scrutiny Committee