

## Recycling and Waste Minimisation Task and Finish Group – Cabinet, 6 September 2010

Recommendation	Status	Information	Contact Officer
<p>That all schools in Barnet be encouraged to participate in a recycling incentive scheme.</p>	<p><b>Green</b></p>	<p><u>Cabinet response to recommendation:</u> “That the recommendation of the Recycling and Waste Minimisation Task and Finish Group be accepted.”</p> <p><u>Additional Cabinet comment:</u> “Cabinet welcomed the recommendations relating to schools and encouraged close working between Environment &amp; Operations and Children’s Services to improve recycling rates in schools.”</p> <p><u>Update December 2010:</u> The Schools Recycling Challenge has been updated to form the Watch Your Waste project, with a greater emphasis on waste prevention as well as recycling. As part of this work, schools receive a week of intensive support from Waste &amp; Sustainability officers, and carry out a number of educational activities. This scheme is aimed at primary schools, with a related scheme (“Green Matters”) aimed secondary schools. In January 2011 a day of school activities will be held to incentivise Barnet’s secondary schools to recycle and reduce their waste. Six schools will be sending a delegation. The event is jointly organised by officers and the Council’s recycling contractor May Gurney, who are providing a prize of £500 towards further environmental projects.</p> <p><u>Update August 2011:</u> A successful schools activity day to incentivise secondary schools to recycle and reduce their waste was held in February 2011, with around 60 pupils attending. It is hoped that similar events can be held in future to engage with other schools. Three Watch Your Waste projects and two Green Matters projects have been completed. In addition three Love Food, Hate Waste theatre shows have been completed to reduce food</p>	<p>Michael Lai, Waste Strategy Group Manager, Environment &amp; Operations</p> <p>Lynn Bishop, Assistant Director, Environment &amp; Operations</p>

		<p>waste at schools.</p> <p><u>Update July 2012</u>  A further three Watch Your Waste projects have been successfully completed in primary schools. Two of these schools were also provided with support to enable them to recycle their food waste. Two schools have had theatre shows to promote composting. Three secondary schools have been supported with talks and assemblies on recycling and waste prevention.</p>	
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<p>That low recycling schools be twinned with high recycling schools to share ideas and good practice to improve their recycling activities.</p>	<p><b>Completed</b></p>	<p>Cabinet response to recommendation: "That the recommendation of the Recycling and Waste Minimisation Task and Finish Group be accepted."</p> <p>Additional Cabinet comment: "Cabinet welcomed the recommendations relating to schools and encouraged close working between Environment &amp; Operations and Children's Services to improve recycling rates in schools."</p> <p><u>Update December 2010:</u>  A schools event will be held in January 2011 and will enable the six attending schools to share good practice with each other during a number of recycling and waste prevention activities. The Barnet Environmental Action Round Schools (BEARS) scheme continues to match up schools that are recycling well with those that want ideas on how to improve. Waste &amp; Sustainability officers also link schools with each other to spread good practice as part of their day to day work.</p>	<p>Michael Lai, Waste Strategy Group Manager, Environment &amp; Operations</p> <p>Lynn Bishop, Assistant Director, Environment &amp; Operations</p>

		<p><u>Update August 2011:</u> The schools activity day to incentivise secondary schools to recycle and reduce their waste was held in February 2011 and provided an opportunity for schools to share their ideas. The BEARS scheme continues, with networking meetings held each term, and officers continue to make links between schools.</p> <p><u>Update July 2012</u> No update required</p>	
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That Environmental Services look at other boroughs that have introduced reward schemes and check against delivery of their waste reduction targets.	<b>Green</b>	<p><u>Cabinet response to recommendation:</u> "That the recommendation of the Recycling and Waste Minimisation Task and Finish Group be accepted."</p> <p><u>Update December 2010:</u> A number of providers operate reward schemes. Officers have met with contacts from the Recyclebank scheme, which has been launched by Windsor &amp; Maidenhead and Halton councils. Recyclebank have said that they are working on a scheme within London that will provide information of more relevance to Barnet than their other schemes outside of London, and more information is expected in early 2011. When this information is available it will be reviewed in detail to assess the potential costs and benefits of a scheme in Barnet. Recyclebank have agreed that they will support Barnet officers to consider all options. Officers have also arranged to meet with contacts for another rewards scheme, Green Points, in December.</p>	<p>Michael Lai, Waste Strategy Group Manager, Environment &amp; Operations</p> <p>Lynn Bishop, Assistant Director, Environment &amp; Operations</p>

Update August 2011:

Officers have reviewed the Recyclebank and Green Points reward schemes. Both schemes involve high set-up costs of approximately £2 per household per year. The Council's levy payments for the disposal of waste are currently based on waste tonnage two years in arrears. Therefore if reward schemes delivered a reduction in waste tonnage for disposal, it will take two years before the Council sees any benefit for its investment. It is therefore proposed that the benefits of introducing a reward scheme are reviewed if and when the levy system changes to in-year charging. This change has been proposed as part of the ongoing North London Waste Authority procurement project.

Update July 2012

Officers have submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI) for funding from the government's Weekly Collections Support Scheme. The EOI included funding for the introduction of a reward scheme for recycling. Subject to Cabinet's approval, a final bid will be prepared for submission in August 2012. If the bid is successful, a reward scheme could be introduced alongside changes to the recycling service that will be implemented from the end of the current recycling service contract (October 2013 at the earliest). If the bid is not successful it is proposed that a reward scheme be reconsidered when the North London Waste Authority levy system changes to in-year charging.

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<p>That Environmental services look at boroughs that have introduced either fortnightly collections or reduced the standard bin size and check against delivery on waste reduction targets.</p>	<p><b>Green</b></p>	<p><u>Cabinet response to recommendation:</u> “That the recommendation of the Recycling and Waste Minimisation Task and Finish Group be accepted.”</p> <p><u>Update December 2010:</u> The performance of boroughs has been reviewed and will continue to be reviewed. Detailed work is currently ongoing to assess the potential effect of different waste collection services for Barnet in the future looking at performance, cost and waste levy fees. This includes consideration of weekly and fortnightly collections of refuse, recycling or organic waste. The reduction of bin sizes would involve high costs through purchasing new bins, and this option is not being considered further.</p> <p><u>Update August 2011:</u> The 2010/11 performance information for other boroughs is currently being collated and analysed. The results of which are expected to form part of a future report to Cabinet.</p> <p><u>Update July 2012</u> The meeting of Cabinet on 4 April 2012 agreed a number of changes to waste collection services, to be implemented from the end of the current recycling service contract (October 2013 at the earliest). It was agreed that collections of garden waste would change from weekly to fortnightly.</p>	<p>Michael Lai, Waste Strategy Group Manager, Environment &amp; Operations</p> <p>Lynn Bishop, Assistant Director, Environment &amp; Operations</p>

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<p>That the Council takes a holistic approach when re-building regeneration estates to encourage recycling and waste minimisation. This should include considering the design features of estates to reduce waste during the occupancy of the building and incorporate adequate space for segregation and storage of recyclables, food waste and so on. Recycling bins should also be placed in easily accessible areas to incorporate loading, storage and pick up areas for domestic quantities of recyclable waste. A holistic approach should also include educating residents on what they are able to recycle.</p>	<p><b>Completed</b></p>	<p><u>Cabinet response to recommendation:</u> “That the recommendation of the Recycling and Waste Minimisation Task and Finish Group be accepted.”</p> <p><u>Additional Cabinet comment:</u> “Cabinet Members noted the low recycling performance of purpose built flats at one of the boroughs regeneration estates and questioned whether registered social landlords were undertaking activities to improve recycling rates. The Task and Finish Group Chairman requested that officers in Housing Services look into this matter.”</p> <p><u>Update December 2010:</u> This work is ongoing. Architects and developers must comply with the Council’s requirements on provision of refuse, organic waste and recycling facilities. The Council’s Supplementary Planning Document on Sustainable Design and Construction requires developers to provide sufficient space within flats for the storage of recyclables. Planning proposals are checked by Planning officers and are referred to the refuse collection team and recycling contractor May Gurney as necessary before approval is given. Both refuse and May Gurney work to look at innovative options for storage and facilities in secure locations that are convenient for managing agents and residents. In addition, residents who are new to the borough now receive an information leaflet on recycling services, what they can recycle and how they can reduce their waste with their council tax mailing.</p> <p><u>Update August 2011:</u> Completed</p>	<p>Michael Lai, Waste Strategy Group Manager, Environment &amp; Operations</p> <p>Lynn Bishop, Assistant Director, Environment &amp; Operations</p>

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