

**Meeting Of The Select Committee On The Environment 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**Report Of The Director Of The Urban Environment**

**Recycling Working Group**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To advise the Committee on the current work of the Recycling Working Group.

**Background**

2. The Recycling Working Group has met on one occasion so far this year, on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The Group considered a report on the new recycling trial scheme for the additional collection of plastic bottles and card.
3. The trial is being undertaken at approximately 11,000 residences across the borough, in a number of trial areas. The areas, and the associated street listings are appended to this report, as is the original report to the Working Group.
4. So far the response to the trial has been very promising, with high participation rates in excess of 90% in some areas, and a corresponding improvement in the amount of material recovered for recycling. The trial will continue until the end of the financial year, when its outcomes will be finally evaluated. A further meeting of the Recycling Working Group is suggested, towards the end of the trial period, to receive a report on this issue. A report on the outcomes will subsequently be submitted to this Select Committee.

**Finance**

5. This report is submitted for information purposes only. Cost details will be included in the report following the completion of the trial.

**Law**

6. The Council's duties and powers regarding waste management, including recycling, and the collection and disposal of waste, are set out in Part II of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, as amended.
7. The Council may also do anything which is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of its area under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000.

### **Equality Impact**

8. There are no equality issues arising from this report, which is provided purely for information purposes.

### **Recommendation**

9. That the Select Committee notes the report and the activities of the Recycling Working Group.



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Support Documents (appended)

Report to the Recycling working Group 28.09.10  
Area Street Listing for recycling trial