

Time began 6.00pm
Time ended 8.10pm

**COUNCIL CABINET
30 SEPTEMBER 2008**

Present: Councillor Jones (Chair)
Councillors Care, Naitta, Skelton and Troup

In attendance: Councillors Hickson and Williamson

**92/08 Environmental Services – Budget
Implementation**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Environmental Services – Budget Implementation. To close the Recycling bring sites identified in appendix I because of the availability of a comprehensive domestic recyclable materials collection service throughout the city. The 10 bring sites receiving the highest tonnages of recyclable material would remain open. In addition, those sites which serviced communities where the domestic recycling collection service that had not been rolled out to would be retained. It was expected the roll out would be completed by March 2009 and the sites closed soon afterwards.

To close public toilets identified in appendix 3. The public toilets were in poor condition and did not satisfy the public's expectations. There was significant vandalism and antisocial behaviour linked to the toilets. Cleansing, repair and maintenance costs the Council a significant amount of money each year. Two temporary litter wardens' posts were created in 2007/08. The funding was time limited and there was no budget provision made in the Council's 2008/09 budget or for future years.

Options Considered

There were no other options considered.

Decision

1. To close the Recycling bring sites identified in appendix I, as agreed in the 2008/09 three year budget process with effect from 1 November 2008.
2. The top ten performing bring sites remain open, and the bring sites in areas that were not on the recycling collection service would be closed on a phased basis following the introduction of the scheme.
3. To agree in principle to close the public toilets identified but to keep the Assembly Room and Eagle Market toilets open until next autumn and

to close them on the completion of the bus station and to close Victoria Street and The Spot by 5 January 2009.

4. To establish an information campaign to identify the closures and publicise the suitable alternatives that the Public may have access to.
5. The director of Regeneration and Community encourage the establishment of public toilet facilities in future City developments to which the public were intended to have access.
6. To note the ending of the temporary Litter Warden service as no funding to maintain it was included within the Council's budgets in 2008/09 and future years.

Reasons

To give effect to the savings identified in the Council's revenue budget for 2008/09.

In accordance with Procedure Rule AI26, the Chairs of the Community and Climate Change Commissions had been advised that this item would be considered although not included in the Forward Plan.

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