



Derby City Council

COUNCIL CABINET 15 May 2013

Report of the Cabinet Member for
Neighbourhoods and Streetpride

ITEM 2

Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board Recommendations

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the recommendations which resulted from the Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board held on Tuesday 30 April 2013.
- 1.2 The Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board received reports from officers on the changes to refuse collection services and Tree Management Policy.
- 1.3 Board members agreed recommendations to Council Cabinet on both items, and these are outlined below.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Neighbourhoods Board recommends to Council Cabinet that if the trial removal of recycling collections with a move to a weekly black bin collection in some areas of the city is implemented, that the provision of local recycling facilities for those in affected areas that still want to recycle is included.
- 2.2 The Neighbourhoods Board recommends that Council Cabinet only consider the decision on the introduction of the CAVAT scheme for developer contributions and defer the decision on the update which allows private residents to pay for tree works on public land subject to certain criteria, until the board has had time to review the Tree Management Policy.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Members were concerned that the removal of recycling facilities would leave residents that do wish to recycle with no ability to do so. The recommendation would ensure that residents living in affected areas would still be able to recycle their waste locally.
- 3.2 The Neighbourhoods Board intends to review the Tree Management Policy in its entirety and make further recommendations to Council Cabinet on amendments to the policy.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Neighbourhoods Board – Changes to refuse collection services

- 4.1 The Neighbourhoods board received a report from the Director of Partnerships and Streetpride on the proposals for changes to the brown bin collections and the introduction of charging for brown bin collections, and the proposals to introduce weekly black bin collections for some parts of the city.
- 4.2 Members had a discussion about the impacts on removing recycling facilities from some parts of the city. Whilst members appreciated that some residents in these areas fail to segregate their waste correctly and cause contamination to the recycled waste collected, the residents should be fully consulted on these proposals before a trial is implemented. Members were concerned that the removal of recycling facilities would leave residents that do wish to recycle with no ability to do so.

Neighbourhoods Board – Tree Management Policy

- 4.4 Ian Wheatley (Head of Grounds Maintenance and Cleansing) gave a report to the board on proposed amendments to the Tree Management Policy and the introduction of the CAVAT scheme for developer contributions.
- 4.5 The board had no issue with the introduction of the CAVAT system, however, had real concerns with the existing Tree Management Policy and the amount of works that the Council refuses to do (paid or otherwise) due to restrictions in the policy.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 No other options have been considered.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Janie Berry, Director of Legal and Democratic Services
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 Implementation of the recommendations outlined in this report may lead to financial implications, however these have not been determined at this stage.

Legal

- 2.1 Implementation of the recommendations outlined in this report may lead to legal implications, however these have not been determined at this stage.

Personnel

- 3.1 The workload of Council personnel may increase, or priorities may be altered due to recommendations outlined in this report.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 None directly arising from this report.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None directly arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None directly arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 7.1 None directly arising from this report.

Risk Management

- 8.1 The proposals set out in this report would act to ensure that Chief Officers are aware of information being released into the public domain through scrutiny meetings, thereby reducing the risk of unforeseen media and public interest.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 Scrutiny supports the improvement of services delivered across the Council (and by accountable external partners) to fulfil the corporate priorities and ensure the people

in Derby enjoy good quality services that meet local needs.