

CABINET – 4 AUGUST 2005**REPORT OF ENVIRONMENT REVIEW PANEL – PLANNING
POLICIES TO AID RECYCLING.****1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Environment Review Panel have an active working party that looks at issues relating to refuse collection and recycling. One of their tasks is to identify measures to help this Council meet the challenging targets set by Government for recycling performance.
- 1.2 One issue that the Review Panel have identified, as a result of this work, is that the Council's planning policies do not explicitly encourage recycling through providing the necessary physical infrastructure.
- 1.3 Although this Council has only just completed the process to adopt the first Alterations to the New Forest District Local Plan, the introduction of the new Local Development Framework system means that this Council must already begin to think about the content of its policy documents under the new system.
- 1.4 The Environment Review Panel consequently resolved, under Minute 10 of their meeting held on 30 June 2005:
 - (e) That the Cabinet be asked to include policies in the Local Development Framework to provide infrastructure to allow households to recycle materials more effectively both through providing space in individual properties and through the design of communal areas in new developments;
 - (f) That Cabinet be advised that, in the light of the Government's targets for recycling performance, this policy area should be accorded relatively high priority for review; and
- 1.5 If Members conclude that this is a priority on which they wish to see more urgent action, it may be possible to prepare an informal advice note or Supplementary Planning Document that sets out the appropriate design and layout criteria.

2.0 CRIME AND DISORDER AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 None arising directly from this report

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The improved recycling of materials has many environmental benefits, including the need to use less raw materials, less materials being disposed of to landfill and also less emissions from incineration of waste.

4.0 PORTFOLIO HOLDER COMMENTS

- 4.1 The Economy and Planning Portfolio Holder welcomes the spirit of the paper and would request the officers to come back with more specific proposals.
- 4.2 The Environment Portfolio Holder welcomes the comments of the Environment Review Panel in seeking to enshrine in the Local Development Framework provision for more effective home and community recycling.

5.0 RECOMMENDED:

- 5.1 That the request of the Environment Review Panel be supported, and that the officers come back with more detailed proposals on policies to promote recycling activity in the emerging Local Development Framework, preferably early in the process by means of an informal advice note or a Supplementary Planning Document.

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Background Papers:

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