

Appendix 5

Scrutiny Committee 1 July 2016

In summary the Committee agreed the following points:

- It was understood that due diligence had yet to be applied, and this should be completed before decisions were made. The Committee asked that a viability assessment should be undertaken but a third party other than LDC or its consultant). An independent assessment of what was being proposed appeared essential.
- There was doubt about whether one model should be applied across the LDC area. The Committee felt that local application of different models should be considered for different locations, type of property, ease of use by residents, vehicle access etc.
- The Committee was unclear as to what had been measured to establish customer satisfaction, and wanted to see something more thorough carried out before it was used in any analysis.
- Examples of best practice at other authorities should be considered.
- Income generated from recycle – this should be factored into any preferred options. It was pointed out that once LDC departed from kerbside separation it would be difficult to return to it, yet kerbside separation gave rise to the best prices for recycle. Any return to normal oil prices would mean recycle would regain in value.
- The Committee stressed that the environmental benefit needed to have a strong weighting alongside financial considerations. In addition, the Committee felt that the issue and definition of economic practicability was unclear in the documentation and needed to be clarified.
- The resident's appetite for fortnightly collections would need to be gauged.

The Committee wished to thank the staff included within the current review, they appreciated the affect this may have on staff with regard to the changes to working practices that may be made and reassured those staff that the Council was committed to supporting them throughout the process.

Resolved:

3.1 That Report No 89/16 be noted; and

3.2 That comments made by the Scrutiny Committee be reported to Cabinet prior to their consideration of the review options.