



WASTE MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY PANEL

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To: Councillors Ward (Chair), Boldrin, Forrest, Howe, Needham and Parton (For attention)

All other members of the Council
(For information)

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Waste Management Scrutiny Panel to be held in Virtual Meeting - Zoom on Tuesday, 14th December 2021 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

6th December 2021

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT

7. NEW RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY AND METHODS THAT COULD HELP IMPROVE RECYCLING RATES 2 - 4

In accordance with the scrutiny scope document, to investigate new research, technology and methods that could help improve recycling rates.

Proposals/suggestions from members of the Panel attached for discussion.

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ITEM 7 NEW RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY AND METHODS THAT COULD HELP IMPROVE RECYCLING RATES

Key Task – Investigate new research, technology and methods that could help improve recycling rates.

At its first meeting on 9th November 2021, the Panel agreed that the above would be via investigation by members of the Panel prior to this meeting.

Therefore, members of the Panel were asked to identify something they had seen that could help improve recycling rates. This could be, for example, an App, an article, a facility, device or product, a publicity campaign, or a practice. A brief explanation of the suggestion and the source was requested.

Suggestions have been submitted as follows:

(i) Cllr Howe – Nappies

“We all know disposable nappies cause a great deal of recyclable waste to be rejected. Apparently, Keep Britain Tidy has launched a new campaign and Leicestershire County Council is one of the participants. Bearing in mind LCC recycle our waste we need to engage with them and take part in this campaign:

www.keepbritaintidy.org/news/new-campaign-development-prevent-recycling-contamination-nappies”.

(ii) Cllr Howe – Visible Display of Waste Items and What Bin They Go In

“I thought you might be interested in this photo I took the other week which shows waste bins with transparent boxes on top showing what goes into each waste bin. Maybe we could do the same with wheely bins?”



(iii) Cllr Howe – Publicity

“Charnwood already carry out a great deal of publicity for example I received an email only this week about it. But it is one area that we can make a difference especially with children who seem very keen on this type of thing”.

(iv) Cllr Ward – Scrap Stores/Library of Things

“This is something I’d like us to look into – Scrap Stores. I was discussing it with Matt yesterday, who also suggested looking into a ‘Library of Things’. I’ve been thinking about starting a Scrap Store in Loughborough for a while, and even went to visit one in Nottingham, which has sadly since had to shut down. This one in Derby has been running for nearly 30 years, so they must have a successful model. I’d quite like to go over and have a look round and a chat with them! I did say to Matt is it worth talking to Sofa on Nottingham Rd about using some of their upstairs space to house it?”

derbyplayandrecyclingcentre.org
reusefuluk.org
libraryofthings.co.uk”.

(v) Cllr Ward – Items Not Collected in Household Recycling

“I also think we need to make it easier for people to find out what to do with things that can’t go in the household recycling, by publicising things like this:

recycleyourelectricals.org.uk/electrical-recycling-near-me/

And places like this, where you can pick up cheap nearly new paint (but we also need somewhere nearby in Charnwood for people to donate paint – the nearest one is Whetstone):

exaireo.co.uk/

I’d also like us to look into establishing a recycling point for more difficult to recycle items that Terracycle will take, like crisp packets, toothbrushes, etc.

terracycle.com/en-GB/

I also think we should be supporting Transitions to start up their Repair Cafes again in earnest.

lesswaste.org.uk/events/transition-loughborough-repair-cafe/”.

(vi) Cllr Boldrin – Package Free Shops

“Councils should promote/back/highlight package free shops that sell products that are compostable, recyclable and reusable”.

(vii) Cllr Boldrin – Olio App

“The Olio app links neighbours and also the public to businesses so that people can advertise unwanted or un-needed food for others to pick up and use either for free or at reduced prices. It also enables people to advertise unwanted kitchen utensils”.

(viii) Cllr Boldrin – Food Waste Recycling

“There is likely to be a large increase in food waste should free food waste collection be implemented in the Environment White Paper. China successfully uses Blue Soldier fly larvae to recycle organic waste. 2.5 lbs of fly larva can consume 5 lbs of food waste in 4 hours. They can then be used to feed fish, chicken and other animal feed so it’s a win win and can be found on: citizensustainable.com/ along with other useful suggestions”.

(ix) Cllr Boldrin – Publicity and Suggestions from Public

“We need buy in from the public so councils should agree a way of publicising some if not all of the suggestions above and ask the public to submit suggestions or approaches that they have found, and these should be included in newsletters/publicity/websites with due recognition for those submitting ideas”.

(Note: Cllr Boldrin states that not all above suitable at Borough level, therefore strategic approach should be adopted by councils, also that duplication of work needs to be avoided).

(x) Cllr Parton – Education/Publicity re: Recycling

Focused education/publicity in respect of recycling requirements, particularly in student areas.