

SCRUTINY COMMISSION - MONDAY, 8TH JANUARY 2024

Report of the Head of Contracts: Leisure, Waste and Environment Lead Member: Executive Member for Waste, Open Spaces and Leisure facilities

Part A

WASTE MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE

Purpose of Report

To update the Scrutiny Commission on progress against the actions 5, 6 and 9, recommended by the Waste Management Scrutiny Panel, and agreed by Cabinet on 13th December 2022.

Recommendations

1. That the contents of the report are noted

Reasons

1. To ensure that progress is made against the agreed actions.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

The Waste Management Scrutiny Panel was established in 2021, its scope to look at ways in which Charnwood Borough Council could improve its recycling rates, and also reduce the volume of waste entering the residual waste stream, particularly in light of the Council's own climate strategy and anticipated changes to legislation brought about by the Environment Act 2021.

Thirteen actions arising from the Waste Management Scrutiny Panel were approved by Cabinet on 13th December 2022.

Agreed Actions

5. PROMOTE PARTNER AGENCIES/LOCAL GROUPS, BUSINESS AND ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO REDUCE WASTE

There are lots of initiatives in and around the Borough of Charnwood working to reduce or eliminate waste (Repair Cafés, Zero Waste and Refill Shops, Exaireo Paint Reuse, SOFA, Leicestershire Master Composters, Too Good To Go, Freegle, Freecycle, etc.). Charnwood could play a key role in helping to raise awareness of their existence and of their activities.

Response of the Lead Officer

Progress on this action has been limited to date due to other demands on the service and a medium shortage of staffing capacity. The team are expecting to be back to its full complement of officers from January 2024. This action will be completed by June 2024.

6. COMMS CAMPAIGN – CHARNWOOD WASTE CHAMPION CHALLENGE, WHAT CAN GO IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN, ETC.

Set up a challenge for residents and schools (and councillors and council staff) to reduce their waste, have a stall on the market to show people what can and can't go in the recycling bin, videos of councillors going through their own recycling bin to check, talks in schools, etc.

Response of the Lead Officer

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9. SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCRAPSTORE/LIBRARY OF THINGS/OTHER SIMILAR INITIATIVES

A Scrapstore would repurpose for craft projects, etc. scrap materials otherwise destined for the residual waste stream, both from domestic properties but also donated by local businesses. A library of things would allow residents to borrow tools and equipment without having to purchase them.

Response of the Lead Officer

The Lead Officer sees this as a community led project. To date, no progress has been made as an appropriate partner organisation has not been identified. This could change in the near future.

An appropriate level of assistance can be provided in order to get the store established.

Report Implications

Financial Implications

None

Risk Management

None

Links to the Corporate Strategy

Caring for the Environment	Yes
Healthy Communities	No
A Thriving Economy	No
Your Council	No

Key Decision:

No

Background Papers:

None

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Part B

Heading

1. At its meeting held on 11th October 2021, the Scrutiny Commission agreed to establish a Waste Management Scrutiny Panel and a scope for its scrutiny.
2. The Panel's first meeting was held on 9th November 2021 with subsequent meetings on 2nd February, 31st March, 11th May and 27th July 2022. The Panel's report was agreed at its final meeting on 1st November 2022.
3. The Scrutiny Commission considered the Panel's report at its meeting on 14th November 2022 and resolved that the recommendations of the Panel be submitted for consideration by the Cabinet.
4. Thirteen recommend actions were approved by Cabinet on 13th December 2022.

Appendices

None