

ROUND RESCHEDULING
(Report by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being))

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting held on 11th December 2012, the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) considered a report by the Head of Operations on round rescheduling for refuse, recycling and garden waste collection services. The following paragraphs contain a summary of the Panel's discussions on the report.

2. THE PANEL'S DISCUSSIONS

- 2.1 The Panel has been advised of the background to the rescheduling of the current waste collection rounds. The rounds were last reviewed in 2007. The Executive Councillor for Environment has advised that any changes arising from the review are due to be implemented by the Council in February 2013. Whilst it had been anticipated that the review might result in the loss of one waste collection round, having taken into account property growth levels within the District, this is not likely to be possible as it would mean reinstating this round at a later date. With this in mind, the purpose of the review therefore was to provide a more effective and efficient service, whilst providing an opportunity for the Council to reiterate some of its key waste and recycling messages to the residents of Huntingdonshire. One of the key savings expected from the review are those relating to fuel consumption, which will provide a further environmental benefit for the Council.
- 2.2 Owing to IT related problems with the software utilised to assist with round rescheduling process, the revised rounds are now scheduled to go live on 25th February 2013. All Members will receive an information pack outlining the changes prior to any publicity being undertaken on the new rounds.
- 2.3 The Panel has welcomed the Communications Plan developed to publicise the changes, in particular those aspects relating to educating residents on what materials can and cannot be recycled through their blue bins.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The Cabinet is requested to take into consideration the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) as set out above when considering this item.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Reports and Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) held on 11th December 2012.