

ADVANCED WASTE PARTNERSHIP
(Report by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being))

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting held on 11th January 2012, the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) considered the report by the Head of Operations on the Advanced Waste Partnership. The following paragraphs contain a summary of the Panel's discussions on the report.

2. THE PANEL'S DISCUSSIONS

- 2.1 Members have acknowledged that the work of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Waste Partnership (RECAP) represents an excellent example of Countywide partnership working and have expressed their support for the RECAP Advanced Partnership Working Charter.
- 2.3 The Panel has highlighted that presently the waste collection service has high satisfaction levels and is delivered at a relatively low cost per household. Members are keen to ensure that the Council's performance levels are not compromised by the proposals for greater joint working. Members have also raised concerns over the political will for all parties to commit to enhanced partnership working, the dangers of the negotiations not having a successful outcome and the resources that some partner authorities have available. In this light the importance of dealing with this project on a business case by business case basis has been acknowledged.
- 2.4 It is recommended that the RECAP Advanced Partnership Working Charter is adopted and that outline business cases for any Advanced Waste projects are brought to Environmental Well-Being Scrutiny before a decision is made to proceed. Owing to their involvement in reviewing the business cases for advanced waste projects, Members of the Panel will visit the waste facility at Waterbeach to familiarise themselves with its operation and potential for service development.

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 10th January 2012.