

**AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET**

**Name of Committee** Cabinet

**Date of Committee** 8th December 2005

**Report Title** Consultation Paper on Changes to the Recycling Credit Scheme

**Summary** The report discusses and proposes a response to the consultation on changes to the recycling credits scheme.

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**Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?** Yes/No

**Background Papers** Consultation Paper on Changes to the Recycling Credit Scheme – Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) October 2005

**CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-** *Details to be specified*

- Other Committees  .....
- Local Member(s)  .....  
(With brief comments, if appropriate)
- Other Elected Members  Councillor C K N Browne } For information  
Councillor Mrs E M Goode }  
Councillor Mrs J Lea }
- Cabinet Member  Councillor M L M Heatley – ‘Agree. There will be  
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with a benefit in joint working.’  
appropriate Cabinet Member)
- Chief Executive  .....
- Legal  I Marriott - agreed
- Finance  V Rennie, Mahendra Wadhwana – comments noted

- Other Chief Officers  .....
- District Councils  .....
- Health Authority  .....
- Police  .....
- Other Bodies/Individuals  .....

**FINAL DECISION**

**YES** (If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)

**SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :**

*Details to be specified*

- Further consideration by this Committee  .....
- To Council  .....
- To Cabinet  .....
- To an O & S Committee  .....
- To an Area Committee  .....
- Further Consultation  .....

**Cabinet – 8th December 2005**

**Consultation Paper on Changes to the  
Recycling Credit Scheme**

**Report of the Strategic Director of Planning, Transport and  
Economic Strategy**

**Recommendation**

That the response detailed in **Appendix A** is sent to Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) on the proposed changes to the recycling credits scheme.

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 On 14th October 2004, Cabinet agreed a response to a DEFRA consultation paper on Recycling Credits. Following the consultation, changes to the scheme were included in section 49 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (CNEA 2005). DEFRA also stated that it would be developing guidance on the new scheme. DEFRA considers the changes will:-
- (a) Increase flexibility of payments from waste disposal to waste collection authorities in two tier areas giving authorities the option to agree alternative arrangements.
  - (b) Give the Secretary of State powers to set the calculation of recycling credits through secondary legislation.
  - (c) Clarify that credits can be paid for re-use.
- 1.2 DEFRA states that it intends to commence the changes with effect from 3rd April 2006 and responses are required by 23rd December 2005.

**2. Proposed response to the Consultation Paper**

- 2.1 A proposed response is detailed in **Appendix A**. The main change DEFRA is proposing is that the value of recycling credits will no longer increase annually both for inflation and increases in landfill tax, but just the former. This will financially benefit the County Council and encourage better joint working between the two tiers when recycling projects are considered. DEFRA is also proposing one rate across the County rather than one for each Waste Collection Authority (WCA) area.

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