

**WIRRAL COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 21 NOVEMBER 2007**

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

“WIRRAL GLOBE” PETITION SIGNATORIES – RESULTS OF CONSULTATION EXERCISE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Members of the Committee will recall that in June 2007 the Wirral Globe launched a “Bin Campaign” in order to gather signatures from Wirral residents to urge the Council to return to a weekly residual waste collection service.
- 1.2 The response to this Petition was formally considered at your last meeting and it was agreed that all signatories would be consulted to highlight the benefits of Alternate Weekly Collections and give them the opportunity to provide us with more information about their objections.
- 1.3 This report provides an update on this consultation exercise including details of the letter and questionnaire sent to signatories and highlights that it is proposed to provide feedback on the consultation exercise to Members before the meeting once all the returns have been received.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The response to this Petition was formally considered at your meeting on 5th September 2007 and it was agreed that all 1794 signatories would be consulted to highlight the benefits of Alternate Weekly Collections and give them the opportunity to provide us with more information about their objections.
- 2.2 Your Committee provided feedback and suggested changes to the proposed questionnaire at the meeting on 5th September and this was incorporated into the final letter and questionnaire appended to this report.

3.0 CONSULTATION RESULTS

- 3.1 The letter and questionnaire were sent out to signatories on Friday 26th and Monday 29th October with a three week deadline for responses to be returned.
- 3.2 The results of this consultation exercise will be provided to Members of the Committee in advance of the meeting.

4.0 FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no implications.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no implications.

6.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no implications.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no implications.

8.0 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no specific human rights implications arising directly from this report.

9.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Residents have been consulted and we have engaged in a participation exercise with them. Participation is one of the principles of Agenda 21.

10.0 ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

10.1 None

11.0 ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no implications.

12.0 SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no implications.

11.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

11.1 The Alternate Weekly Collection service covers all Wards.

12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 Members are requested to note the content of this report and consultation results presented in advance of the meeting.

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