

Environment, Transport, Communities and Citizenship Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Wednesday 13 October 2010

7.00 pm

Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Annie Shepperd

Chief Executive

Date: 5 October 2010



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ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT, COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENSHIP SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Environment, Transport, Communities and Citizenship Scrutiny Sub-Committee

held on Monday 12 July 2010 at 7.00 pm
at Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor Tim McNally (Chair)
Councillor Renata Hamvas
Councillor Kevin Ahern
Councillor Sunil Chopra
Councillor Norma Gibbes
Councillor Graham Neale

**OFFICER
SUPPORT:** Karen Harris, Scrutiny Project Mnager

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 The chair welcomed members to the new sub-committee.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor James Barber.

2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

- 2.1 There were none.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

- 3.1 There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

4. WORK PROGRAMMING AND SCOPING

- 4.1 The chair briefly outlined the role of the sub-committee, which is to scrutinise any

council activities or any third party activities which impact on the borough within the Environment, Transport, Communities and Citizenship field. The objective of the scrutiny should be to make cross-party recommendations which enable the council and its partners to operate more effectively, possibly by filling a gap or looking at an issue in a new way.

- 4.2 The chair explained from experience, the extent of activity the sub-committee could reasonably hope to achieve during the year, in order to reach a position by next May to make recommendations to the main overview and scrutiny committee (OSC).
- 4.3 He explained that in the current climate any realistic recommendations would need to be cost neutral or to actually save the council resources.
- 4.4 It was agreed that the main issue for this first meeting was to agree scrutiny topics which members of the sub-committee will need to commit their time to, firstly by filling out the scoping form, and secondly through a time commitment of approximately 5 or 6 days per topic.
- 4.5 The sub-committee discussed a range of potential scrutiny topics from the list compiled by OSC, outlining reasons for favouring various options and the added value that could be gained as follows:-
- **Recycling Targets:** how the council will achieve the culture change necessary to achieve the targets. Focused on best practice from elsewhere, moving away from consumerism and possible recycling incentives
 - **Roadworks:** the road permit network scheme and its impact on the borough
 - **The Edges of the Borough:** looking at cross-borough collaboration at the edges of the borough especially on traffic calming, TFL services, enforcement issues
 - **East London Line:** how can the council speed up access to better transport in the borough
 - **Allotments:** the potential for the creation of more allotments on housing estates, innovative use of land, healthy eating projects etc
- 4.6 It was agreed that for the possible scrutiny areas of roadworks and the East London Line it would be important to gather more information on the current plans before a scoping paper could be prepared.
- 4.7 On transport issues generally it was agreed that this issue could be a background topic at this stage, gathering information and best practice to be brought forward as appropriate.
- 4.8 It was agreed that scoping proformas would be prepared by Councillor Neale on Recycling, Councillor Hamvas on the edges of the borough, and the chair on allotments by the Thursday 15 July deadline to facilitate a work planning meeting

between the chair and Councillor Hamvas to plan the research work needed over the summer recess.

- 4.9 The chair confirmed that the next meeting would take place on 13 October 2010. In the meantime, forward agenda planning diary dates would be agreed and all members were welcome to attend these meetings if they are available.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Item No.	Classification: Open	Date: 13 October 2010	Meeting Name: Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee
Report title:		Briefing for food waste recycling pilot	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		East Dulwich, Nunhead, Peckham Rye, Surrey Docks, The Lane, Village	
From:		Strategic Director of Environment and Housing	

Introduction

1. This pilot scheme has been designed to test the impact of food recycling provision for street-based properties in Southwark.
2. The over all aim of the pilot is to demonstrate that recycling can be significantly increased (and landfill costs correspondingly reduced) with the introduction of an easy-to-use recycling service for food and garden waste as well as dry recyclables.
3. The main objectives of the pilot are to
 - Bring forward food recycling collections in a pilot area from 2015, to 2010
 - Provide a simplified recycling service in a pilot area
 - Significantly increase the recycling rate in the pilot area
 - Gather operational and resident feedback to inform a potential further rollout
 - Demonstrate value for money and affordability principles in all elements of the project

Pilot details

3. Residents in street-based properties in Southwark use three schemes to manage their waste:

A **blue box** – for ‘dry’ recycling, currently collected weekly
A **brown bin** – for garden waste, currently collected fortnightly
A **green bin** – for residual waste, currently collected weekly
4. The scheme will cover approximately 10,000 households across the borough. The key elements of the pilot are:
 - All food waste can now go into the **brown bin** with garden waste; this will be collected weekly
 - All ‘dry’ recyclables can be mixed together in the **blue box** to make recycling easier; this will be collected weekly
 - The small remainder of waste goes into the **green bin**; this will be collected fortnightly.
5. There is no overall change in the total number of collections to be provided in the pilot area.
6. The following tables show how a household’s bin use will compare using the current and pilot arrangements.

Current collections

Receptacle	Estimated current % of waste	Frequency
Brown bin	15	Fortnightly
Blue box	20	Weekly
Green bin	65	Weekly

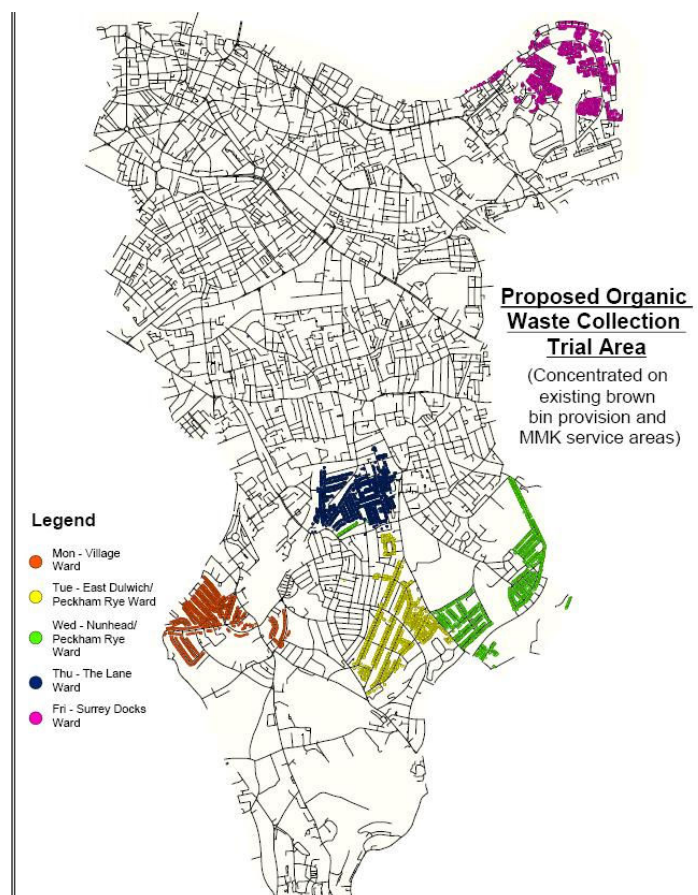
Pilot collections

Receptacle	Projected % of waste	Frequency
Brown bin	35	Weekly
Blue box	35	Weekly
Green bin	30	Fortnightly

8. The pilot has been designed to ensure that all food waste will be collected weekly, preventing issues with odour or pests.

Scope of pilot

9. The pilot scheme will start on October 4th and last for six months. It will include approximately 10,000 households in five areas. These areas have been chosen to utilise the highest-density of existing brown garden waste bins and collection routes in Southwark (see map below). This is to maximise use of existing receptacles to ensure best possible use of resources.



INITIAL BRIEFING ON PLANNING ISSUES AT THE EDGES OF THE BOROUGH

We maintain good contacts with the planning policy units of Lambeth, Lewisham and the Corporation of London and there have been some semi-formal arrangements for discussing and coordinating our local development frameworks and, in particular, our core strategies over recent years. For the background to the LDF and the core strategy see the following link:

http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200210/core_strategy

On the more detailed planning policies affecting particular areas we have had informal links with Lambeth over the preparation of their supplementary planning document for the Waterloo area and they have been consulted over the Bankside Borough and London Bridge supplementary planning document. The approach to planning for tall buildings in the Waterloo/Blackfriars Road area is something that needs careful consideration and the GLA plays a useful role in this as well providing the strategic guidance.

There have been many discussions in recent years about how s.106 agreements on developments in this area might be used to fund community facilities and other benefits across the border. For more information on s.106 see the following link:

http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200074/planning/1756/section_106_spd

For major developments close to the boundary it would often be appropriate for projects to be carried out across the border in Lambeth if the impacts of the development extend that far. We welcome suggestions from Lambeth about projects on their side of the boundary that would benefit the community on both sides.

Southwark officers regularly attend meetings of the South Bank Employers Group even though the focus of this group is very much on the Lambeth side of the boundary. It has on occasions been a very useful forum for discussing cross boundary issues.

We will be preparing a supplementary planning document for Camberwell starting next year and this will, of course, need to be very closely coordinated with Lambeth and possibly jointly adopted with Lambeth so that it applies to the parts of the town centre that lie on their side of the boundary. We will be discussing this with Lambeth officers.

I have had a number of meetings with my counterpart in Lambeth and it looks as though there could be more opportunities to work more closely together.

On the Lewisham side, we have been consulted and have commented extensively on the proposals for Millwall which come up to the borough boundary.

In preparing our proposals for Canada Water we carried out a transport study which takes into account developments nearby in Lewisham. Lewisham were consulted on this but this is an area where we would benefit from closer cross boundary working.

Although we have only a short boundary with Bromley, Crystal Palace Park is an important amenity serving Southwark residents in the south of the borough and we have often taken a close interest in proposals for its development.

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