

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

CABINET – 23 APRIL 2015

REFERENCE FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 14 APRIL 2015

WEST LONDON WASTE PLAN

The Committee received a report of the Corporate Director of Environment and Enterprise on the outcome of the Public Examination of the joint West London Waste Plan. It was noted that the officers had requested Cabinet Members to recommend the adoption of the West London Waste Plan to Full Council.

The Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration outlined the background to the formation of the Plan and highlighted that it was a planning document and part of the Local Plan. The main principle was to establish the amount of waste in the area and safeguard sites for waste facilities. The Forward Drive Depot was the only site affected in Harrow, the boundary for which had been amended as a result of the prior adoption of the Area Action Plan.

In response to questions, the Portfolio Holder stated that:

- should Harrow decide not to adopt the West London Waste Plan, the Council would be required to produce its own Plan which would apply to the Forward Drive Depot only and would not be integrated with other Councils;
- the targets were set by the London Plan;
- the effect of the introduction of the caddy and brown bins on the percentage recycled was a matter for environment services and not planning officers. The planning perspective was to ensure the safeguarding of sites to meet projected need by ensuring that the land was not developed;
- Harrow was the second best performing London Borough in terms of percentages for recycling and composting;
- the West London Waste Authority (WLWA) had responsibility for decisions as to what waste was sent to landfill.

The Chairman thanked the Portfolio Holder and Planning Policy Officer for their attendance.

RESOLVED: That

1. the outcome of the independent Examination in Public of the West London Waste Plan be noted;
2. that the Portfolio Holder for Business, Planning and Regeneration be notified as soon as practicable when the post-adoption statutory requirements for the West London Waste Plan have been complied with;
- 3. that Cabinet be informed of the comments made by the Committee**

Background Documents:

Draft minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 14 April 2015

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