

**REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA – KERB IT
RECYCLING SCHEME**

Report of the City Solicitor

1. Why has the report come to the Committee

- 1.1 To consider a request from Councillor Ian Cuthbert to include an item on a future Committee agenda.

2. Background

- 2.1 Councillor Cuthbert has requested an item be included on the agenda of the next meeting of the Review Committee.
- 2.2 Councillor Cuthbert requests that “the Head of Environmental Services present a report to the Committee detailing the progress being made in bringing the Kerb-It recycling collection in house, specifically covering any teething problems and any remedial action taken to resolve them”.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 In accordance with the Council’s Constitution and approved scrutiny protocol for placing items on the agenda, the Committee may choose to respond in one of the following ways:
1. The Review Committee may determine that the item is not relevant to the functions of that particular Committee. In these circumstances the Committee can resolve to take no action or may refer the item to another Review Committee, or to the Policy and Co-ordination Review Committee to determine responsibility
 2. If the issue is linked to an existing work programme item (within the next two cycles) then it should be discussed as part of that item and included in any officer report
 3. If the issue is a new item of business within the remit of the Committee, the Review Committee may:
 - a. Request a response in writing (with copies to all Members of the Review Committee), or
 - b. Request a presentation to a future Review Committee meeting, or
 - c. Request a report to a future meeting, or

- d. Decide that the issue raised does not merit any response beyond noting the matter, or
- e. Decide to express a view or make a recommendation, by resolving accordingly, if the Committee considers it has sufficient information to make a fully informed decision

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Review Committee is asked to consider the request from Councillor Cuthbert.

Background Papers

Council's Constitution
Overview & Scrutiny Handbook

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