RECYCLING AND WASTE POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

MEETING, 19TH DECEMBER, 2006

Present – Councillors Sherrington (Chairman), Hayes, Lever, Peel, R. Silvester, Mrs. Thomas, A. S. Walsh and J. Walsh.

Also in attendance

Mr. P. Crosbie - Assistant Director of Environmental Services

Mr. C. Bullough - Head of Service, Environmental Services

Department

Mr. M. Hoban - Neighbourhood Services Manager (Waste)

Mr. I.D. Mulholland - Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence were tabled on behalf of Councillors Adia, Hamilton and Ibrahim.

Councillor Sherrington in the Chair.

15. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Policy Development Group held on 31st October, 2006 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

16. SCHOOLS AND FLATS, RECYCLING - UPDATE

The Director of Environmental Services tabled information in relation to the progress being made with regard to the recycling provision for schools and flats in the Borough.

He highlighted that the categories of dwellings in this regard were:-

- Bolton at Home properties;
- Bolton at Home sheltered housing;
- private flats; and
- private sheltered housing.

It was explained that some twenty five housing developments had been surveyed and sixteen now had implemented schemes, using a variety of methods. These were, boxes, sacks, small and standard wheeled bins and larger four wheeled containers with lockable lids and special apertures.

A schedule of the current recycling arrangements for schools was also tabled.

Members in their deliberations referred to the possibility in the future of having knowledge of the recycling tonnages at schools in the Borough. The issue of a school competition was mentioned.

Resolved - (i) That the update be noted;

- (ii) That the Director of Environmental Services be asked to find out what recycling arrangements Stockport MBC have in relation to hard to reach flats/housing; and
- (iii) That the Director of Environmental Services be asked to contact Council Members who are school governors in the Borough for the purposes of waste recycling promotion.

17. WASTE SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS

Members were advised of updated information in respect of Waste Service developments, with regard to the collection of paper and card scheme in the West of the Borough. In terms of the delivery of burgundy bins in the West of the Borough, Members were informed that 5,000 had recently been delivered and only 250 remained to be despatched.

Finally, Members were advised that some responses had been received to the rural/hard to reach areas kerbside recycling consultation exercise. This currently amounted to approximately 18% of those despatched. A report on this issue would be presented to a future meeting.

It was agreed that the update be noted.

18. RECYCLING PERFORMANCE, 2006

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out details of the recycling performance data for the period April to October, 2006.

The Performance data for November, 2006 was also tabled.

Members discussed the current demand for green waste disposal and the future need to have sight of the recycling performance data by roll out phases 1 -5.

It was agreed that the position be noted and that the G M Waste Landfill Allowances and Trading Schemes (LATS) report, 2005/06, be submitted to the next meeting.

(The meeting started at 3.30 p.m. and finished at 4.10 p.m.)