




<b>Report to:</b>	Environment and Neighbourhood Committee	<b>Date:</b>	30 March 2017
<b>Report title:</b>	Petition: New waste and recycling collection services		
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<b>Ward/Areas affected:</b>	Borough Wide		
<b>Chair of Committee/Lead Member:</b>	Councillor Jill Whitehead		
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<b>Corporate Plan Priorities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Open Council</li> <li>• A Green Council</li> <li>• A Fair Council</li> <li>• A Smart Council</li> </ul>		
<b>Open/Exempt:</b>	Open		
<b>Signed:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	21 March 2017

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 To consider a petition from the Circle Residents Association, as submitted to full Council on the 6 March 2017.

## 2. Recommendations

The Environment and Neighbourhood Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Consider the petition and note the proposed course of action as set out in 4.3 of this report.

## 3. Background

- 3.1 Councillor Jason Reynolds, Wandle Valley ward, submitted a petition on behalf of the Circle Residents Association, which has been referred to this committee for consideration.
- 3.2 The petition has 1,890 signatures and the petition prayer is set out below:

*We are presenting this petition to the London Borough of Sutton Council to ask for a Public Meeting to be held to answer questions and give the residents of the Borough a chance to say what they feel could be changed to make the new recycling system work for them in April.*



*We have collected 1,890 signatures on line and in person there has been a vast response to this petition and it has proved just by the comments on the petition that this really needs to go ahead,*

- 3.3 In accordance with Part 4E of the Council's Constitution, the Scheme for dealing with petitions and e-petitions states that the spokesperson may talk to the petition for up to 5 minutes and the petition will then be debated.

#### **4. Issues**

- 4.1 Following a procurement exercise by the South London Waste Partnership (SLWP), of which Sutton (along with Kingston, Merton and Croydon) is a partner, the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee agreed the changes to waste collection services at the meeting held on the 27 June 2016. The benefits of these changes included:

1. savings of c£10.3m over the first eight years of the contracts
2. significantly increased recycling capacity and the introduction of more recycling services from residential properties (food, textiles and battery collections)
3. increased recycling performance, predicted to surpass 40%

- 4.2 A comprehensive communications campaign was agreed between Sutton, Veolia and the SLWP. This included visiting every Local Committee and four roadshow events where residents were given information about the new services and could ask questions or raise concerns. In addition to these meetings the changes have been publicised through a number of channels, including

1. three leaflets have been distributed to every household
2. posters have been placed in council buildings and on bus stops/kiosks around the borough,
3. articles have been placed in Sutton Scene
4. online advertising via social media and the website

- 4.3 As outlined above, significant effort has been made to ensure that residents are aware of the forthcoming changes. However, following receipt of the petition from the Circle Residents Association and in order to address the concerns raised, a public event has been arranged in the hall at Shearing Drive between 10am and 8pm on Tuesday 28 March 2017. This will provide a further opportunity for residents to receive information about the changes to the waste collection services and ask questions or raise concerns.

#### **5. Options Considered**

- 5.1 The option of considering the petition at Environment and Neighbourhoods Committee in advance of the public event was available to the Council, however, it was felt that the event would have greater impact if it was held in advance of the commencement date of the changes.

## 6. Impacts and Implications

### Financial

- 6.1 Any costs of running the public event will be met from existing communications budgets.

### Legal

- 6.2 The Council's scheme for dealing with petitions is contained in Part 4E of the Council's constitution.

## 7. Appendices and Background Documents

Appendix letter	Title
n/a	

Background documents
Petition received from the Circle Residents Association

Audit Trail		
Version	Final	Date: 21 March 2017
Consultation with other officers		
Finance	Yes	Sue Hogg
Legal	Yes	Fiona Thomsen
Equality Impact Assessment required?	Yes	Completed as part of the original committee paper.

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