

Cabinet Response to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Board – Resource and Waste Management Strategy

No.	Recommendation:	Cabinet Response:
1.	That when the Christmas bin collection notices go out to households this includes information on recycling and the financial and environmental benefit of increasing recycling;	<p>Information, communication and engagement with our residents will be much wider than this recommendation requests with a Education, Engagement and Communication Plan developed with the aim of increasing recycling rates in Torbay.</p> <p>Within the strategy we have added more information under this action about the role of the Recycling Co-ordinators and how they will be working with our recycling teams – all with the aim of increasing our recycling rates. We will proactively educate and encourage residents to recycle, and our education, engagement and communication campaigns will be critical to the successful implementation of this Strategy. We will continue with promotions such as “Love Food, Hate Waste” in partnership with others.</p>
2.	That consideration be given to other areas to improve recycling in addition to improving kerbside recycling;	<p>The Resource and waste Strategies priorities will focus on where we believe the quickest and most significant gains can be made, which are increasing Kerbside recycling collections, with the main focus on increasing food waste through a high profile Education programme, but in time all areas will be looked at including Kerbside collected garden waste, Flats recycling improvements, Commercial waste, and Recycling banks.</p>

3.	That the Resource and Waste Strategy should include a glossary of abbreviations and an appendix with the planning advice to developers;	<p>The document has been reviewed and the unnecessary acronyms/abbreviations removed as far as is possible. Where they are include the full phrase is included in the first instance. Therefore it is not felt that there is a need for a glossary.</p> <p>With regards to planning advice for developers it was felt that such a document would sit better with other planning documents rather than appended to the Resource and Waste Management Strategy.</p>
4.	That a detailed written response be provided to the Board on the breakdown of the £500k savings for 2021/2022 from SWISCo identified within the budget consultation proposals.	A written response was provided to the Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board as part of the Priorities and Resources Review on the 4 November 2020.
5.	To request officers to liaise with the five major waste producers in Torbay to see if they can work together to help reduce waste and increase recycling.	The strategy has been updated to ensure that we are encouraging businesses to operate at the highest level of the waste hierarchy. This will be included as part of our wider work programme to maximise our influence, locally, regionally and nationally,