To: Scrutiny Manager

CALL IN FORM

I would like to call in the decision as detailed below:

Decision making body or individual	
Cabinet	
Decision made	
Waste & Recycling Strategy 2010-15	-
Date decision made	
15 September 2010	
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Reason for calling in the decision

Firstly, we are concerned that the decision does not adequately take account of the realities of the policy shift for residents in multiple occupation households and flats where there is an existing problem with bin capacity. There is a risk that bins containing animal and human waste will be in acceptably close proximity to living quarters for up to 2 weeks.

Secondly, whilst we recognise the need to review the waste strategy, we question the wisdom of introducing a revised service ahead of the Government review. The fact that the Communities & Local Government Secretary, Eric Pickles has specifically spoken out against changes to fortnightly collection is of great concern. Finally, whilst we welcome the commitment to an education strategy, we are worried

that no work appears to have been done to establish why food waste is so high in the borough and where it is prevalent. We perceive a risk that the education programme may be misdirected and therefore of limited value.

Desired Outcome

- 1. That Cabinet request a more sophisticated approach to considering where the strategy proposed is viable, rather than assuming that it can successfully be applied to all households with wheelie bins.
- 2. That Cabinet reconsider the timing of the strategy in light of the position stated by the Communities & Local Government Secretary, Eric Pickles.
- 3. That Cabinet commissions research into why food waste is so high in the borough so that any education package can be appropriately tailored.

Desired Witnesses

Cabinet Member for Environment	
Assistant Director of Environment and Regulatory Services	

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee responsible for examining this decision

Environment and Transportation Overview and Scrutiny Committee