



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Health and Environmental Services Committee
Subject:	Waste Management Issues - Request to hold a Special Meeting
Date:	4 th August, 2010
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Relevant Background Information

Over recent months there have been several major projects under consideration and development within the Waste Management Service. These have now reached a critical point and are now ready for consideration by the Committee. Due to their involved nature, however, and the absence of the Head of Service from the regular August meeting, Members are being requested to grant approval to hold a Special Committee meeting later in August.

Key Issues

The Waste Management Service has been working with both Cleansing Services and arc21 to prepare reports on important waste management issues for the Council. These concern:

- Review of the Pilot Kitchen Waste Collection Scheme and next steps;
- Guaranteed Minimum Tonnages from the Council for the arc21 residual waste contract;
- Proposal for the temporary use of the Waste Transfer Station by a commercial organisation.

The first report concerns the current pilot kitchen waste collection schemes which have been in operation in Belfast since June, 2008. The Committee will be being asked to consider next steps.

The second item will be seeking Members' approval to commit a guaranteed tonnage to the arc21 residual waste contract, for the term of the contract. This will have to take aboard both the EU Landfill and the Waste Framework Directive requirements.

The final report will be asking the Committee to consider a proposal regarding the use of the Waste Transfer Station by a commercial organisation.

Recommendation

The Committee is requested to agree to hold a special meeting later in August to consider Waste Management Service reports listed above.

Decision Tracking

The Democratic Services Officer will liaise with the Chairman to determine a suitable date for holding a special meeting of the Health & Environmental Services Committee later in August.