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CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND  
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Cabinet Member’s items considered at 24 APRIL 2007 CABINET

1. EXPANSION OF RECYCLING SERVICES

The Cabinet received a report detailing the proposed expansion of recycling services in the borough and agreed the release of £1.086m of funding from the capital programme allocated to the expansion of recycling services.

The projected outturn recycling performance for Croydon in 2006/7 is 18% (unaudited). This is the net total of the recycling rate (13%) and the composting rate (5%). The performance in 2005/6 was 16%. The actual levels of recycling in the year has increased from 14% in April to approximately 20% in December, and whilst this improvement is encouraging, the Council is still failing to achieve the Government’s statutory targets for local authorities of 25%, and individual targets for Croydon of 30%.

Recognising significant challenges presented to local authorities to improve waste minimisation and recycling, DEFRA has provided non ringfenced grant funding to improve waste management services in 2006/07 and 2007/08. The grant comprises both capital and revenue elements, which are being incorporated into Council revenue and capital budgets. In terms of capital budget, the Council have allocated further capital resources to the DEFRA provision.

This report seeks Member approval for the expenditure of the capital element of both the grant and the Council’s capital allocation, to complete improvement works at the Factory Lane Reuse and Recycling Centre; to introduce further kerbside collection services of plastics, cardboard, household batteries and green waste, upgrade the Council’s Neighbourhood Recycling Centres and extend the Estates Recycling Service to all suitable council owned housing sites.

A full copy of the report is available in the Members Library and the Council’s website at www.croydon.gov.uk/agenda

2. FAIR FUNDING AND FAIR DEAL

Cabinet noted the presentation ‘Not the Lyons Report’ from David Wechsler, Chief Executive, and the presentation ‘Fair Deal for Croydon’ provided jointly by Neil
Cabinet Member’s items considered at 16 JULY 2007 CABINET

3. JULY FINANCIAL REVIEW

Cabinet will consider a report and recommend to Council approval of the update of the Financial Strategy for the period 2008/11 as summarised in section 4 of the report to Cabinet. (Council Appendix 2)

The Council’s Financial Strategy 2007/11 (FS2007/11) was approved by Cabinet on the 12th February 2007 and by full Council on the 28th February 2007 as part of the routine strategic financial review and medium term planning. This report summarises the review of the Council’s Financial Strategy (FS) 2007/11 as part of the budget setting process for the medium term and takes into account:

i) The Council’s overall financial position;
ii) Key changes in Croydon’s local ‘environment’; and
ii) Key changes in the wider external financial environment.

This review has ensured that the 2008/09 Budget and Council Tax will be set within the context of the latest information and the updated strategy in order to deliver a balanced budget.