

**EXTRACT FROM WASTE SCRUTINY TASK GROUP FINAL REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATIONS APRIL 2004**

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET:

- (1) That, in tandem with minimisation and recycling initiatives, energy from waste (incineration) be pursued as a key option to reduce landfill and meet statutory targets set by government.
- (2) That officers be asked to produce at the earliest possible opportunity a fully costed Business Case for implementing an Energy from Waste Strategy.
- (3) That as part of an ongoing public relations exercise including promotional literature and consultation, the following issues receive coverage at the earliest opportunity:
 - Wiltshire's Strong Performance in Waste Management.
 - The benefits of waste from energy in reducing landfill.
 - The difficult issues facing the County Council (and Waste Partnership) regarding future EU and Government targets and penalties, and the high local costs involved.

The above measures being designed to engage with and gain the support of the public.

- (4) That the introduction of kerbside compost recycling be considered.
- (5) That the Leader of Council write to Peter Ainsworth (Chair of the House of Commons Audit Committee) asking for an audit of all local authority waste collection and disposal methods, including the end markets for recycled waste (This will help provide a national picture and ensure that waste earmarked for recycling is actually being recycled).
- (6) That the Leader of Council ask the Local Government Association to conduct an audit of all those Local Authorities struggling to meet recycling targets in order to provide a realistic national assessment of how attainable the statutory targets set by Government actually were.