

## Agenda Item 13



This form is for use by members submitting an item which they would like to bring to the attention of Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Once completed, the form should be returned to: **The Scrutiny Team, Democratic and Members' Services, Room 240, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN** (Tel: 01225 713079/3056/3049, Fax: 713099 or email: [paulkelly@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:paulkelly@wiltshire.gov.uk) / [rodbooth@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:rodbooth@wiltshire.gov.uk) / [TomesC@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:TomesC@wiltshire.gov.uk)

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- Waste Management. In particular, I believe that Overview and Scrutiny should review:
- The relative costs of disposal methods chosen by the Council (Incineration, Industrial Composting to usable end-product, not for incineration, Land-fill).
  - The strategies necessary to maximise the reduction in (or minimise the growth of) Wiltshire's Carbon Footprint resulting from Waste.

3. Why would you like this matter examined?  
(Please provide evidence on why you think this matter is relevant for scrutiny)

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4. What action have you taken to investigate this matter?

- Have you contacted the relevant service department / Head of Service
- Have you contacted the responsible Executive Member
- Have you undertaken any other correspondence on this issue

Raised in Council with Mr Sturgis, what are relative costs of different methods of disposal of waste. He was unable to tell me whether such cost comparisons existed.

Correspondence between County Council and Friends of the Earth in which the County appears to admit that it does not have comparative costs – on a best-value basis (best-value being an assessment made without having to go out to tender- which information would be confidential).

Without such comparison's, it is difficult to see why the county has gone down the incineration route, other than by gut-feeling.

Discussions with George Batton recently indicate that the waste strategy may be biased strongly away from carbon footprint (and perhaps other ills) because of the emphasis placed on weight in measuring success and failure. The County may be missing areas where saving ½ tonne of one kind of waste may be much more beneficial than 5 tonnes of a different kind.

5. Is there any other information you wish to provide?

Attached letter from FOE to County Council. The letter is complex and probably requires re-reading, but in essence the case is that costs of the incineration option are not fully represented in reports.



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Your request form will be considered by the next available meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee will decide upon any action to be taken and its priority within the overall Work Programme.

## **Attachment 1**

### **How to place an item on the Agenda of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee**

1. **Any member of an overview and scrutiny committee or sub-committee** shall be entitled to give notice to the Director of Corporate Services that he/she wishes an item relevant to the functions of the committee or sub-committee to be included on the agenda for the next available meeting of the committee or sub-committee. On receipt of such a request the Director of Corporate Services will ensure that it is included on the next available agenda.
2. **The Leader of the opposition may on up to 4 occasions per year** require the Director of Corporate Services to include an item on the agenda of the overview and scrutiny committee for consideration. The Director of Corporate Services shall inform the chair of the overview and scrutiny committee of the request at the earliest opportunity, and make arrangements for the matter to be included on the agenda at the next available meeting of that overview and scrutiny committee.  
(\*\*Please note that the Constitution is under review and that ‘Leader’ above refers to all opposition party leaders)
3. **Any 5 members of the Council** may give written notice to the Director of Corporate Services that they wish an item to be included on the agenda of the overview and scrutiny committee. If the Director of Corporate Services receives such a notification, then he/she will include the item on the first available agenda of the overview and scrutiny committee for consideration by the committee.