

Member Group to explore the transport implications of waste management issues

**MOLE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE,
23 October 2002**

KEY ISSUE:

To consider a proposal to establish a Member Group to explore the traffic implications of waste management and report back to Committee in February 2003.

SUMMARY:

Following the Mole Valley Liaison Group discussion of waste management at its meeting on 19 September, a proposal has been developed to set up a Members Group to explore the transport implications in greater depth. This would include members from both councils and draw on officer expertise to consider identified key issues. The Group would report back on its conclusions to the Local Committee Transportation meeting on 12 February 2003

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to

- (i) **approve the proposal for the establishment of a Member Group to consider the transport implications of waste management as set out in the report,**

and

- (ii) **agree Member nominations from County Council and District Council to form the Member Group**

1. At its inaugural meeting on 19 September 2002, the Mole Valley Liaison Group received a presentation on waste management issues. The discussion that followed indicated that a number of aspects of this issue merited further exploration.
2. Members of the Local Committee subsequently considered the potential to set up a Member group to explore these issues with officers and report back to colleagues on their findings.
3. It was agreed that the transport implications of waste management would provide a suitable initial focus and, since this was within the remit of the Local Committee, the report should go to one of their transportation meetings.
4. Helyn Clack and Ian Dewar were asked to develop a proposal for consideration. Having discussed options with County and District colleagues, it is proposed that:
 - Nominated Members from both the County and District Councils are invited to form the group
 - An initial facilitated session is held, without expert waste officers present, to enable the Member group to individually and collectively identify all of the transport issues around any aspects of waste management in the District. This session will define the key questions that Members want answered and the key information they need
 - Responses to these questions would then be sought from the expert waste officers and passed to members of the Member Group, who will be able to seek further clarification if needed
 - A second meeting would be attended by the expert waste officers who could explain and explore further the issues and responses and field any further questions
 - The Member Group will produce a report on its conclusions for the Local Committee transportation meeting on 12 February. The nature of this report will be determined by the findings - it may be an information and clarification item or there may be specific recommendations for the Local Committee to act upon.
5. Once the proposed process is approved by Committee arrangements for setting up these sessions can be made.

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Background paper: Mole Valley Liaison Group papers, 19 September 2002
