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Subject: Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum Query – Schools' Refuse Uplift

In response to the request from the Chair of the Forum on the above issue raised, the following update is provided.

The increasing cost of Land Fill Tax for waste disposal is the major factor that has contributed to a year on year overspend.

In order to address the overspend in the cost of schools refuse uplift and to identify any potential efficiencies, a pilot is currently underway within 13 schools to consider the level, frequency and operation of waste uplift services.

The pilot will operate for a four week period within four secondary and 9 primary schools. It will assess the level of recyclable, food and residual waste, the number and size of bins in use and the percentage of spare capacity at the time of uplift.

A further area being identified is the requirement for and the use of special uplifts in each school.

The pilot will be evaluated to determine levels of capacity within the current contract arrangements with a view to rationalising the frequency and number of uplifts across the school estate. It is anticipated the evaluation of the pilot and the outcomes of the review will be available in January 2010.

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