

**North Yorkshire County Council  
Environment & Heritage Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**Scrutiny Task Group on Reducing Corporate Waste**

**Terms of reference**

**Objectives**

1. To examine and make recommendations about how the County Council could contribute to waste reduction targets by
  - a) reducing the amount of waste it generates
  - b) increasing the amount of re-use and recycling on Council premises and in schools, in order to contribute to waste reduction targets
  - c) buying goods made from recycled materials.
2. To identify examples of good practice in, and barriers to, re-use and recycling in schools and council premises.
3. To consider best practice in dealing with corporate waste in other public sector organisations.

**Scope and Timetable**

- a) Schools and colleges in North Yorkshire
- b) North Yorkshire County Council premises, including offices, libraries, residential homes

It is proposed that the project is tackled in two stages, taking schools as the first stage (Oct 07 – Feb 08) and council premises as the second stage (Feb – May 08).

**Methodology**

1. Desk research, gathering relevant information from
  - Schools re. current arrangements
  - District councils re. recycling collection arrangements and awareness-raising work
  - Council officers re. current arrangements
  - Other public sector bodies re. best practice
2. Communication with the schools and visits to a range of schools (primary, secondary, colleges in different part of the county) to identify good practice and barriers
3. Communication with and visits to council premises to identify good practice and barriers
4. Collate findings and make recommendations.