Questions for the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment & Planning Policy, Cllr Rob Broom re recycling in flat blocks

- What are your priorities for improving recycling in Stevenage?

- What target are you setting for Stevenage regarding improved recycling and over what time period?

- What do you perceive to be the biggest barriers for improved recycling?

- What are your thoughts on encouraging recycling with a recycling champion for a flat block or area?

- Do you see LGR as a possible threat to keeping a direct refuse and recycling service or could it be a benefit to local residents?

- What would you hope recycling in Stevenage would look like in 5 years time? What about 10?

- What does a successful recycling infrastructure look like to you?

- How do you think we should measure the success? E.g. by volume of recycling, residential engagement, etc.

Questions for the neighbouring Hertfordshire district authority of Dacorum re how they addressed recycling in flat blocks

- Please can you describe the level of recycling that you were achieving at Dacorum in your flat blocks prior to a dedicated project to improve recycling in flat blocks and what they were following the project, and have the levels of improved recycling continued?

- How many flat blocks, both Council stock and private does your service cover? Is there a difference between private and council stock recycling rates?

- What were the barriers to improving recycling in flat blocks and how did you overcome them?

- Do you have issues with commercial businesses misusing communal bring bank sites in your area? If so what have you done to try and remedy this?

- Do you have any capacity to stop third parties fly tipping rubbish/recycling into communal bin areas in flat blocks by key codes for residents etc.?

- We're there particular types of flats e.g. high rise, private housing that you have found more difficult to work with? Why?

- Did you have many issues with contamination? If so, what did you do about this?

- How did you engage the Community? Before / during roll out. What approaches do you think worked best? 4. Where there any physical or logistical changes needed? E.g. accessibility, bin storage?

- Did you have to adapt collections?

- If you had to start again what is the biggest lesson you have learned/ what would you change?