

REPORT TO: Environmental Services Portfolio Holder

14 October 2014

LEAD OFFICER: Mike Hill, Director of Health and Environmental Services

POLICY AMENDMENTS: WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICE

Purpose

1. To consider amendments to the current waste & recycling service policies arising out of implementation of the BIEP efficiency options agreed on 13th February 2014.
2. This is not a key decision but has been brought for consideration.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that the Portfolio Holder agrees to:
 - a) Amend the council's policy in relation to assisted collections to:

“Assisted collection arrangements will be made on the grounds of disability, where there is a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long term effect on the ability to carry out normal daily activities”.
 - b) Suspend the provision of additional green bins until the effects of the revised winter collections have been fully evaluated and a report brought back for consideration.

Reasons for Recommendations

4. The amended policies are considered necessary to ensure the continued provision of a high performing, cost effective waste & recycling service.

Background

5. The council's current waste and recycling policies relating to assisted collections and the provision of additional green bins were agreed at the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's meeting on 16th March 2010 (minute ref: 2(i) 16th March 2010).
6. These policies have been reviewed as part of the implementation of the BIEP efficiency options and have highlighted the need for amendment.

Considerations

7. Following consultation with the council's Equality & Diversity Officer it is proposed to amend the council's current policy on Assisted Collections (minute ref: 2(i) 16th March 2010) from:

- a) Assisted Collections: “Assisted collection arrangements will be made on the grounds of disability.”

To

- b) Assisted Collections: “Assisted collection arrangements will be made on the grounds of disability, where there is a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long term effect on the ability to carry out normal daily activities”.

8. The council’s current policy on requests for additional green bins (minute ref: 2(o) 16th March 2010) is

- a) Requests for Additional Green Bins: “Requests for an additional (blue or) green bin will be individually assessed and any additional capacity required met by the most efficient and effective option e.g. provision of a suitably sized additional or upsized bin.”

9. Following publication of the details of the winter green waste service under which green bins will be emptied at monthly rather than fortnightly intervals during the three month winter period December – February, when green waste and participation are at their lowest, several requests for additional green bins have been received from residents.

10. Additional green bin lifts will impact on the time taken to complete the revised green bin rounds. In view of this it is proposed that the current policy is suspended until the effects of the revised winter collections have been fully evaluated and a report brought back for consideration.

Options

11. The Portfolio Holder as the option to:
- (a) Agree or not agree the recommended policy amendments relating to assisted collections and requests for additional green bins.

Implications

Legal

12. No legal, financial, staffing or risk management implications have been identified at this time.

Equality and Diversity, Climate Change, Community Safety or other Key Issues

13. The proposed amendment to the assisted collection policy followed consultation with the council’s Equality & Diversity Officer.

Consultation responses (including from the Youth Council)

14. No consultations have been carried out, other than with the council’s Equality & Diversity Officer.

Effect on Strategic Aims

Aim 1 - We will listen to and engage with residents, parishes and businesses to ensure we deliver first class services and value for money: (A8) Work with RECAP waste partners to reduce council tax costs, carbon impacts and waste sent to landfill

15. The amended policies will ensure the continued provision of a high performing, cost effective waste & recycling service.

Background Papers

Where [the Local Authorities \(Executive Arrangements\) \(Meetings and Access to Information\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#) require documents to be open to inspection by members of the public, they must be available for inspection: -

- (a) at all reasonable hours at the offices of South Cambridgeshire District Council;
- (b) on the Council's website; and
- (c) in the case of documents to be available for inspection pursuant to regulation 15, on payment of a reasonable fee required by the Council by the person seeking to inspect the documents at the offices of South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Environmental Services Portfolio Minutes 16th March 2014

Report Author: Paul Quigley – Head of Environment Commissioning
Telephone: (01954) 713134